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## YUGO-SLAV SITUATION “MORE COMFORTING”: TROOPS FIGHTING HARD

LONDON, APR. 13 (REUTER).—THE POSITION IN YUGO-SLAVIA WAS DESCRIBED IN LONDON TO-DAY AS BEING SLIGHTLY MORE COMFORTING.

IN SOUTHERN YUGO-SLAVIA, THE GERMANS HAD BEEN DRIVEN BACK TO SUHA REKA AND YUGO-SLAV TROOPS WERE NOW ADVANCING ON THE KACAMIK GORGE. GERMAN ARMoured FORCES HAD BEEN ENCOUNTERED AT THE VILLAGE OF TOBOLA, ABOUT 20 MILES FROM BELGRADE, AND THE VILLAGE WAS NOW ISOLATED.

## R.A.F. RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

*Enemy Transport & Bases*

CAIRO, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. communique states that British fighters machine-gunned and damaged enemy motor transport in the Galaza area.

During Friday night, bomber aircraft made several attacks on targets in the same area and heavily and successfully bombed Gazala aerodrome.

## Matsuoka Pockets Pact

*Moscow Agreement*

MOSCOW, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, left for Tokyo this evening after signing, on behalf of his country, a five-year Neutrality Pact with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Matsuoka is returning by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway. His train was due to leave at 5 p.m. some three hours after the Pact was signed, but its departure was delayed an hour by the pact ceremony and last-minute formalities.

Mr. Matsuoka has been here exactly a week following his visit to Berlin and Rome, where he went from the Soviet capital in March.

### Washington Opinion

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The reaction of State Department officials to the announcement of the signature of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact indicated that it did not come as a surprise.

The officials refrained, however, from any comment.

Representative Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said: “No real significance. It is just another of those papers.”

Some legislators, however, have privately expressed concern that the Japanese might now feel free to move in the Pacific.

### Stronger Attitude?

TOKYO, Apr. 13 (UP).—With Mr. Matsuoka bringing home a non-aggression pact which Japan has been ardently seeking since the conclusion of the tripartite pact, the Japanese Government is expected to take a bolder attitude towards the United States on account of the general belief that the Empire's northern defence is now made secure.

In this connection, some political observers fear that Japanese-American relations might reach a most critical point.

An ammunition dump near Musus landing ground, where fires and explosions were caused, and motor transport to the south of Gazala, on which direct hits were registered, were among other objectives bombed.

R.A.F. bombers raided Calato during Friday night and many direct hits were observed on the aerodrome and one large fire was started.

A number of Junkers 87s raided Malta on Friday night but no serious damage or casualties were caused, and one raider was shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

In Abyssinia, the R.A.F. attacked the aerodrome at Alomata and severely damaged motor transport and a number of aircraft on the ground.

South African fighters attacked enemy aircraft on the ground at Selassiamanna and burned out two Savoias and two Capronis. From all these operations, three of our aircraft are missing but two pilots are safe.

### In Cirenaica

CAIRO, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers continue their harassing attacks on enemy positions, aerodromes and motor transport in Cirenaica on Saturday and throughout Friday night.

A number of enemy tanks and other vehicles that had formed up for an attack near Tobruk were repeatedly bombed and dispersed. Many vehicles were damaged or destroyed.

It is also believed that Japan's southward move will be more aggressive.

The application of the pact to the China affair is not clear at present.

### Treaty Clauses

(BY “REUTERS” DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Apr. 13.—The treaty of friendship and neutrality signed between the Soviet Union and Japan is a somewhat novel form of international instrument.

In effect, the treaty of neutrality, as it stands, does not go as far as a treaty of non-aggression, especially that treaty recently signed between Russia and Yugo-Slavia. In the latter, both countries pledged themselves to continue their policy of friendship even in the event of either being the victim of aggression.

In the treaty between Moscow and Japan, each country agrees to observe neutrality if the other is the

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In Kragujevac and Kraus Evac, the Yugo-Slavs were holding their own and had retaken Brokupiye.

In north-west Yugo-Slavia, the situation was still confusing at an early hour to-day, though the Yugo-Slavs were resisting on both sides of the Morva River.

There were indications too that the Yugo-Slav commanders, who, according to a German broadcast, had been asked by General Simovitch to act independently, were apparently doing their job quite well and were fighting down from the mountains.

### Withdrawal To Hills

NEW YORK, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The majority of the Yugo-Slav forces have withdrawn intact into the mountains where they will be able to hold out as long as supplies reach them from the Dalmatian coast.

This statement by the Yugo-Slav Embassy spokesman in Ankara was quoted by the Ankara correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting system on Saturday.

### Unbroken Front

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav front is unbroken though losses have been heavy, says the Berlin correspondent of the “Stockholm Tidningen.”

He says that Berlin recognizes that the difficulties of the Balkan operations have still to be overcome.

### Hungarian Seizure

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—Hungarian troops had occupied the whole of the Baranya triangle (former Hungarian territory which Hungary claims) by Saturday morning, according to a Budapest radio announcement.

Hungarian troops have reached Ujvidek while parachutists have seized important bridges far ahead of the Army and are continuing to hold them until mechanised troops arrive.

The announcer added that the Yugo-Slavs in an attempt to hinder the Hungarian advance blew up several bridges.

### Sarajevo Bombed

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—Another Yugo-Slav town has been bombed, namely Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia—where the assassination of the Austrian Archduke Ferdinand was the immediate cause of the war in 1914.

A German news agency claims that hits were made on large troop camps between the railway station and the town, causing extensive destruction and large fires.

### In Northern Greece

CAIRO, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—A force of Imperial troops in Northern Greece on Saturday came into contact with German tanks and infantry on the “eastern sector of our front.” Some fighting ensued which resulted in the Germans being driven back. Otherwise there is no change on that front.

## Nazis Night Losses Over Gt Britain

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—Fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the sea off the Cornish coast on Sunday afternoon. It is now confirmed that anti-aircraft fire destroyed three instead of two enemy bombers on Wednesday and Friday night, making a total of 13 enemy aircraft destroyed on Wednesday, and six on Friday.

This increases the total of night raiders destroyed in five moonlight nights to a record of 48. Night fighters accounted for 35.

## ENVOY LEAVES SOFIA

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav Minister to Bulgaria, with the star of the Legion of Honour, has left for Turkey, according to a telegram from the Bulgarian capital.

## Tobruk Siege: British Troops Hold On To Strong Positions

CAIRO, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—Swift movements in the Libyan war front with fighting now proceeding in the neighbourhood of the Egyptian frontier port of Sollum are revealed in well-informed quarters here to-night.

It is learned that an enemy mechanised column yesterday occupied the port of Bardia just inside the Libyan frontier after making a detour around Tobruk, about 75 miles to the west.

## Heads Cracked In Easter Day Brawl In Wanchai

A brawl between a party of allegedly drunken British soldiers and an American naval seaman occurred in a Japanese beer-hall, Wanchai, yesterday about 6.30 p.m.

The soldiers and the sailor were having drinks in a beer-hall at the junction of Gloucester and Luard Road. Trouble started when, it was alleged, the soldiers passed some remarks which the American resented.

## CHURCHILL TELLS SERBS

—We Shall Win

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—“Don't regret the staunch courage which has brought you to this furious onslaught,” said Mr. Churchill in a broadcast this evening to the Yugo-Slav people.

“You are making a heroic resistance against formidable odds and so are proving true to your traditions. Your courage will shine out in the pages of history and will reap a more immediate reward. Whatever you may lose in the present, you will have saved in the future.”

“The British Empire is fighting with you and behind it, the great democracy of the United States with its vast and ever-increasing resources. However hard the fight, our victory is assured.”

## ABYSSINIA

*British Advance Held Up  
By Demolitions*

CAIRO, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—In Abyssinia two main British advances along the Dessale and the Gondar roads are still being held up by demolitions while the Italians are demanding protection in increasing numbers from the ever-growing patriot forces.

## KOREANS IN MANCHUKUO

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.  
HSINKING, Apr. 13 (Demi).—A total of 223,000 Japanese colonists including 9,880 Koreans have been settled in Manchukuo since the beginning of the Japanese occupation four years ago. It is commonly believed that the Koreans are being used as a buffer between the Japanese and the Chinese.

Bardia had been previously evacuated by British Imperial forces.

Fighting is also going on in the Tobruk area where, it is stated, the British forces are not surrounded or isolated, and it is possible for a mechanised column to establish contact across the desert.

It is learned that more British troops are becoming available for the Western Desert front daily and the situation from that point of view is considerably better than it was a week ago.

### Tobruk Siege

It is not revealed whether the British are occupying the strong defence works built by the Italians in Tobruk, particularly the double perimeter defences, but it is presumed that it was a German attack against these defences which the British repulsed.

It is believed that German mechanised units are receiving petrol supplies by air although only in relatively small quantities. From all accounts, the German casualties in the desert fighting have been fairly heavy.

### Silence Explained

Regarding the position in Cirenaica, it is pointed out that a War Office communique referred to encounters with enemy mobile troops in the Tobruk and Bardia areas.

At the same time, the War Office did not wish either to confirm or deny the German claims for the very obvious reasons that the Germans might be issuing claims with the object of eliciting information from the British.

It was also stressed that the German claims from this area were not always correct.

### No Prisoners

(BY “REUTERS” DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—It is noteworthy that the Axis has not

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**LATEST**

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Further Late News

## Soviet Attitude To New Victim of Nazi Germany

LONDON, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The significance of the Russian attitude to Yugo-Slavia is stressed by a “Sunday Times” correspondent in a review of the Balkan situation.

The correspondent points out that far from regarding a Yugo-Slav defeat as a foregone conclusion, the “Red Star,” organ of the Red Army, on Saturday stated that the Soviet Union regarded the foreign policy of the Simovitch Government as the right one that the latest developments added significance to the pact of friendship signed on the morning of the German invasion of Yugo-Slavia. It may also be gathered from the correspondent's remarks that the Russians are not unimpressed with Mr. Churchill's last speech and would welcome closer understanding with the British and Americans.

## Nazis Machine-Gun Wounded Greeks

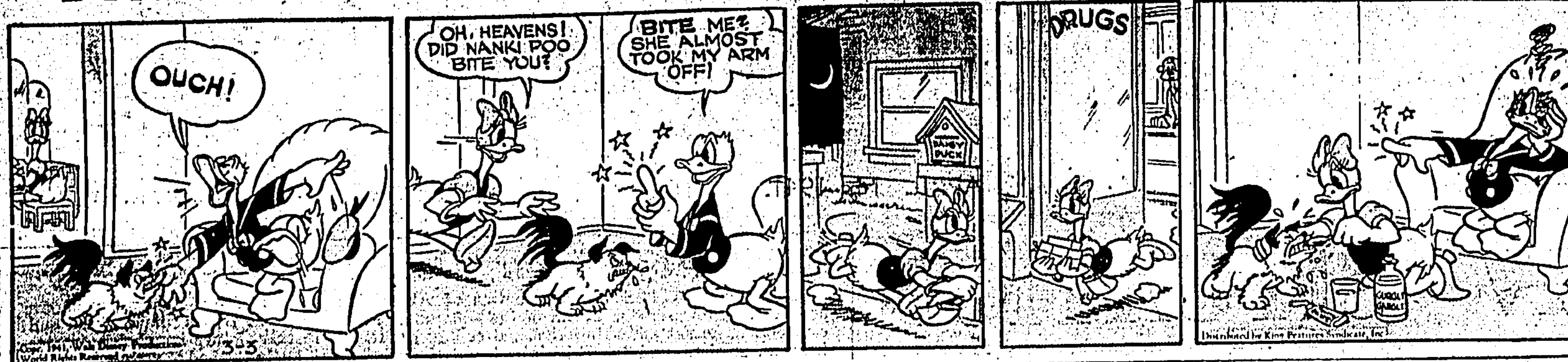
ATHENS, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The captain of a Greek hospital ship, the Attiki which was sunk by German bombers on Saturday morning, was shot dead when the planes came down to 100 feet and machine-gunned the lifeboats. This is revealed in the survivors' accounts.

When the captain heard the planes, he signalled by hand signals and wireless that the ship was a hospital ship. The attack continued after the first wave of bombs had fallen. The ship was set on fire and the decks ripped open, and she began to sink.

The wounded, the sick, nurses and doctors were lowered into the boats but the Germans swooped down and machine-gunned them, killing the captain and others. Nurses and doctors were holding up the wounded. Twenty-eight were killed or drowned.



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cession.12.30 Primo Scala's Piano Accord-  
ion Band.

1.0 Local Time Signal.

1.01 A Victor Herbert Programme.

1.30 Reuters & Rugby Press and  
Announcements.1.45 Schubert—Quartet in A Major  
(“Trout”), Op. 114.Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano), Man-  
goot (Violin), Howard (Viola),  
Withers (Cello) and Hobday  
(Double-Bass).

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Dance Music.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk: “Work-  
ing Together.”

7.30 Hill Billy Music.

7.50 All Bolington at the Organ.

Lionel Monckton Melodies, Intro:  
Moonstruck; Arcady is ever young;  
It's the Drum; Come to the Ball; A  
Country Girl—Finale Act I, Speak  
to Me of Love, Intro: Love's last  
word is spoken, Escapade (A Mexi-  
can Element).8.0 Local Time Signal and An-  
nouncements.

8.02 This week's programmes.

8.05 The Eight Piano Ensemble.

8.15 London Relay—“Hi, Gang!”

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—“Questions of  
the Hour.”9.30 Selections from Grand Opera.  
“Tannhauser”—Overture (Wagner),  
Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Al-  
bert Coates, Lohengrin's Farewell  
(from Lohengrin—Wagner), Alfred  
Piccaver (Tenor) with Orch., Elisa-  
beth's Prayer (from Tannhauser)  
(Wagner), Maria Jeritza (Soprano)  
with Orch., Your tiny hand is frozen  
(from La Boheme—Puccini), All  
hall, thou dwelling pure and lowly  
(Faust—Grunow), Beniamino Gigli  
(Tenor) with Orchestra.9.45 News in French (on Short  
Wave only).10.0 London Relay—“News from  
Home” by Howard Marshall.10.15 Tchaikowsky—Trio in A  
Minor, Op. 50.1st Mov: Pezzo elegiaco (Mo-  
derato assai—Allegro giusto). 2nd  
Mov: A Tema con Variazioni—Finale  
a Coda (Allegro risoluto a con fuoco—  
Andante con moto—Lugubre). Heph-  
zibah and Yehudi Menuhin (Piano &  
Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg  
(Cello).

11.0 Close down.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April to 15th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.  
24th March, 1941.

## NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Wong Kit Yan is the Chief Manager of the Kwong Ngai Studio of No. 244, Queen's Road, Central and that he alone can sign all foreign and Chinese contracts and guarantees in his Chinese signature with the principal chop of the firm. All contracts and guarantees, otherwise signed and chopped shall be null and void and the firm shall not be held responsible.

KWONG NGAI STUDIO.  
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1941.

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25 cents Saturdays.

Poker Driven  
In Brain

## Young Girl Survives

A man who drove a steel poker an inch and a quarter into his seven-year-old daughter's brain was fined £10 in a London police court for unlawful wounding.

A doctor said he found the poker sticking from the child's head. She did not complain of pain.

It was necessary to remove portion of the skull. The child recovered in two months.

The poker, with a piece of the child's skull attached, was produced.

## Unintentional

The daughter, Audrey Waggon, of Slough, gave evidence against her father.

The father said he was defending himself with the poker against his wife. He had not intended to touch the child.

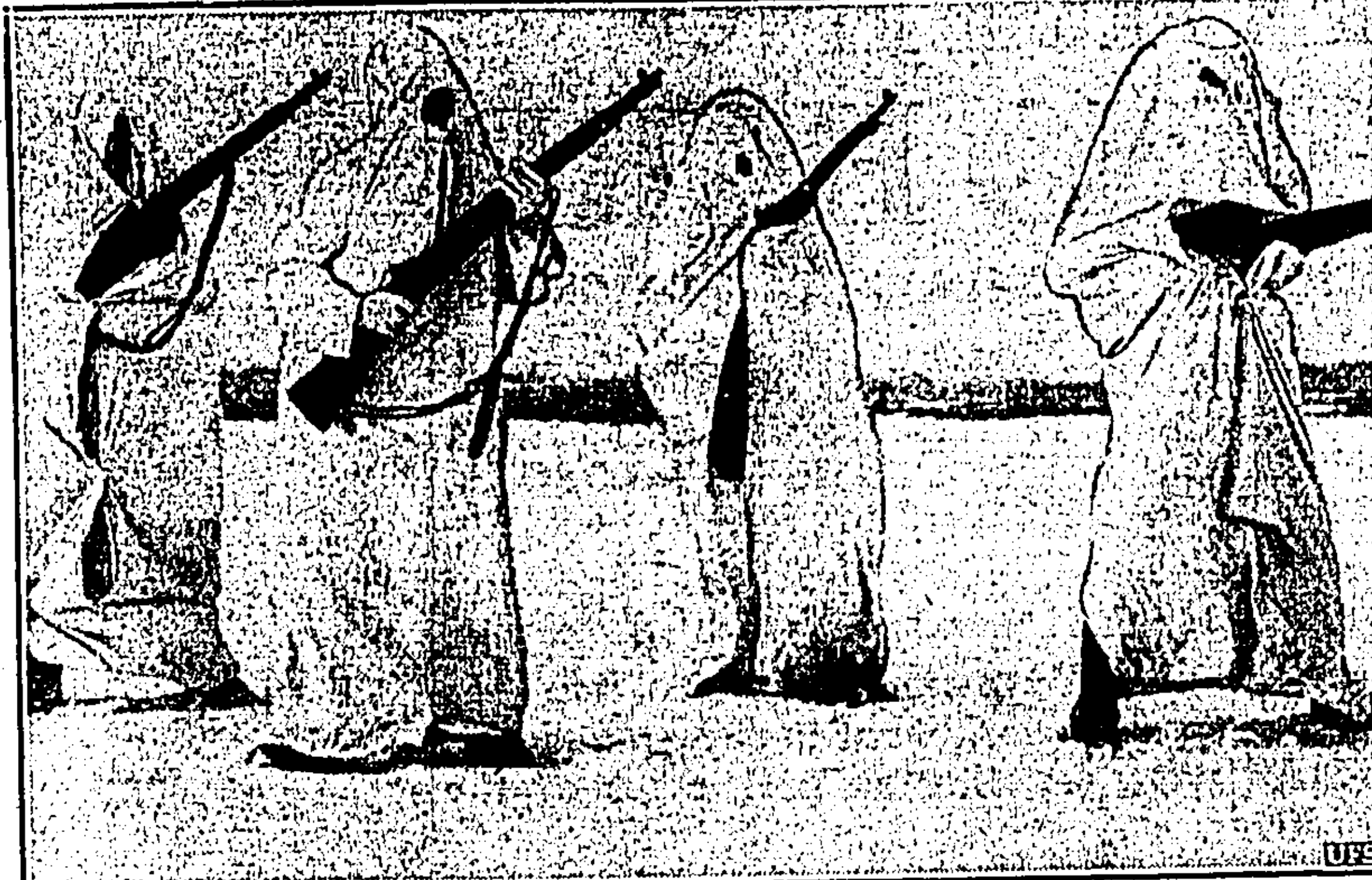
“Recovery from an injury of this kind is not altogether surprising,” said a surgeon.

“Cases are on record in which persons have been accidentally stabbed in the brain by the ferrule of an umbrella, and have suffered no permanent injury.”

“Bullets have been removed from the brain.

“Sometimes the gravest risk is infection. But this is reduced if an operation can be performed immediately, as it undoubtedly was in this case.”

The body of a man, possibly a European, was found floating near Lantau on Friday by a Water Police launch. It was clad only in a singlet.



WHAT'S THIS, SPOOKS? Well, the enemy would doubtless find them very much alive. They're members of the 71st U.S. Infantry, wearing snow camouflage at Fort Dix, N. J., during manoeuvres. The suits are made of mattress cover!

Novelist Cures Blindness  
Watching Jumping Bean

ALDOUS HUXLEY, the novelist grandson of the famous evolution protagonist, who has been practically blind from boyhood, is recovering his sight. His cure has been brought about largely by staring at Mexican jumping beans.

Huxley, who is now in Hollywood, told an astonished Los Angeles court recently of the “new relaxation treatment” which he declared had so strengthened his eyesight that he could now read without glasses.

At the age of 16 Huxley was completely blind. Three years later he partly recovered his sight, but he had learnt Braille and typewriting by touch.

In later years his eyesight has been gradually declining. His right eye was almost blind as a result of scar tissue over it.

The new treatment—details of which he did not reveal, apart from the bean watching—was so successful, he said, that in a comparatively short period of training his other eye was so strengthened that he was able to read without the aid of his usual powerful spectacles.

Huxley appeared as a witness on behalf of Mrs. Margaret Carbett and Miss E. E. Smith, who were being tried on a charge of giving eye treatment without an optometric licence.

Many prominent Hollywood residents, it was stated, had offered to give evidence on their behalf. They included Billie Burke, Anita Loos, Irene Rich, and Mrs. Jessie Lasky.

It was stated that they were prepared to describe the benefits which they had got from watching jumping bean and bouncing dice.

During his evidence Huxley looked confidently about the court, seemed to have entirely lost the strained, peering manner hitherto characteristic.

The jumping bean is the seed of a Mexican plant which constantly makes a jumping movement owing to the larvae of a moth inside it.

Hot Gospeller  
Sizzles 'Em

## Prop planes roared. Dummy

bombs crashed on the stage of Almee McPherson's famed Angeles Temple in Los Angeles.

America's foremost “Hot Gospeller” was holding a special service in aid of British relief funds.

Stage effects were aimed at representing an air raid on London, and Almee called her sermon “Balloons Bore.”

“Hitler,” she cried, “must fall because he is anti-Christ.”

“Let all America admit that England is our front line defence today.”

## Stars Spoke

People in the 5,000 audience screamed as the bombs went off.

British film stars, including C. Aubrey Smith and Basil Rathbone, spoke at the meeting.

Others had refused to attend on the grounds that the effort—which raised \$25,000—was in bad taste.

Film Stars  
Sign On As  
Yacht Crew

Five top-ranking film stars and other celebrities recently signed on as the crew of film executive Joseph Schenck's £25,000 yacht, Caroline.

Kay Francis, Merle Oberon, Constance Bennett, Mrs. Harpo Marx, and Mrs. Irving Berlin signed on as “stewardesses.”

Harpo Marx, Irving Berlin, Douglas Fairbanks, Jun., Darryl Zanuck, and other celebrities were deckhands.

The captain of the Caroline revealed this in the Federal Court, where Schenck was on trial on charges of income tax evasion.

“Held Plenty Aces”

The yacht was cruising in South Carolina waters, and film stars and other distinguished guests signed on as the crew to avoid complication of Mexican immigration laws, the captain said.

Schenck claimed as “business expense deduction” half the operating costs of his luxury yacht.

Harpo Marx, silent member of the Marx Brothers film team, spoke up loudly when he was called to the witness stand.

“I won £2,500 from Schenck playing bridge,” he said. “I held plenty aces.”

Men Described As  
“Moon-Ruled”

When a 23-year-old aircraft man was accused of theft at Birmingham, he had his mother there to plead for him.

“Don't send him to prison,” said the mother, “he's a good boy, but he is moon-ruled—like his father.” She told the magistrate: “His father always went wrong when the moon was full, and it affects this boy the same—when it is on the wane.”

Her son, Leonard James Everett, of Cooksey Road, Birmingham, was, however, sent to gaol for six months' hard labour and ordered to await an appeal at the end of that time.

He pleaded guilty to charges of stealing money and asked for a number of similar offences to be taken into consideration.

Chamberlain Relics  
Go To Dealers

The last link of the Chamberlain political tradition in Birmingham was broken recently, severed by the auctioneer's hammer.

Many furniture dealers but few souvenir hunters attended a sale at Westbourne, Edgbaston, for many years the Birmingham home of Mr Chamberlain.

The souvenir hunters had little luck, for most of Mr Chamberlain's personal possessions had been given to members of the family, or friends.

“Story of England”

Prominent among the books, sold in three lots for £3, was “The Child's Story of England.”

A letter went to a dealer—for £0.15s. the baby grand piano on which Mrs Chamberlain used to play to her husband and his friends fetched the highest price in the sale—£55.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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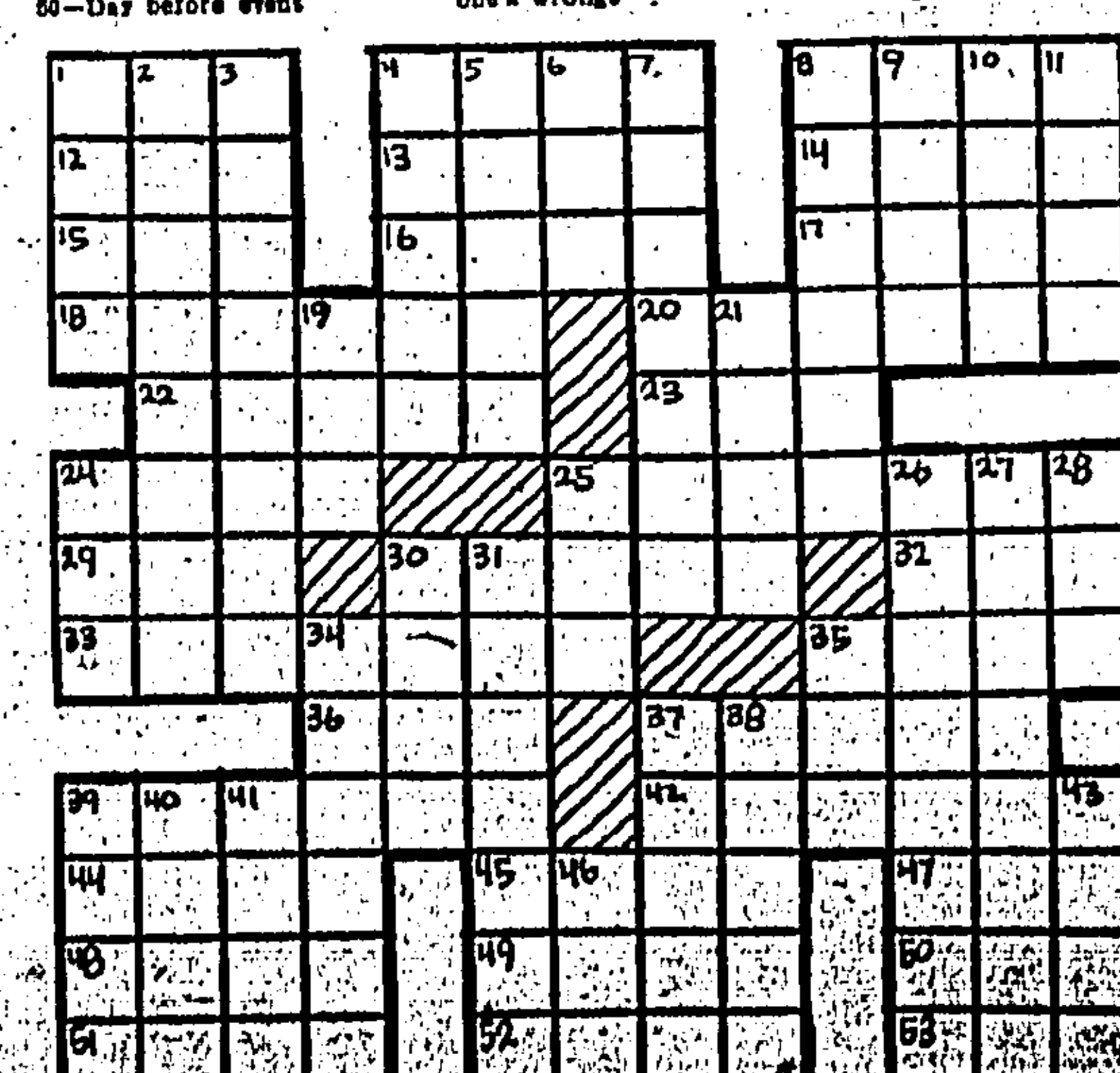
- 1—Causal occurrence
- 2—Short pole
- 3—Travelled in haste
- 4—Highest card
- 5—Waxlike composition
- 6—Waxlike membrane
- 7—Two thousand
- 8—Undeveloped stems
- 9—Cultivate
- 10—Pitted
- 11—Contrast by force
- 12—Place in storage
- 13—Grow old
- 14—Separate entry in account
- 15—Combined into one
- 16—Product
- 17—Clattering sound
- 18—Small rodent
- 19—Large bird
- 20—Mechanisms in power train
- 21—Run rapidly before wind
- 22—Urged continually
- 23—Pillars
- 24—Small cavern
- 25—Victuals
- 26—Thirteenth of June
- 27—Knight's title
- 28—Spurred animation (French)
- 29—Train and orderly
- 30—Day before event

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES

- 1—Cavalry weapon
- 2—Person who makes affected display of modesty
- 3—Vest coat
- 4—Unprincipled fellow
- 5—Hide from view
- 6—Fruit
- 7—Famous Scandi-Navian navigator
- 8—Erase
- 9—Thomas
- 10—Scurvy
- 11—Olive's name
- 12—Passenger-carrying vehicle
- 13—Departed from life
- 14—Of milky liquid nature
- 15—Shell that falls to explode
- 16—Clutch around forties
- 17—Proceeding forward in directed
- 18—Eat supper
- 19—Pail surface of milk
- 20—Musical pause
- 21—Precious stones
- 22—Chief of justices

DOWN

- 1—Headgear
- 2—Pertaining to sense of hearing
- 3—Resolved to amend one's wrongs
- 4—Act of fogging
- 5—Precious stones
- 6—Chief of justices



## POST OFFICE

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Monday 14th April, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows: General Post Office 8 a.m. to Noon. Kowloon C.P.O. 8 a.m. to Noon. Shuangwan Branch P.O.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holiday.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended: Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulungau), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by “Pan American Airways Direct Service”—San Francisco date, 8th April. Apr. 15.

Air Mail by “Pan American Airways Direct Service”—San Francisco date, 15th April. Apr. 22.

## OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Tuesday, April 15  
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via “Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services.”

K. F. O.  
Reg. .... Apr. 15, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 15, 5.30 p.m.  
G. F. O.  
Reg. .... Apr. 15, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 15, 7.00 p.m.

Friday, April 18  
Air Mail by Air to Bangkok to connect with the “British Overseas Airways.”

K. F. O.  
Reg. .... Apr. 18, 4.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 18, 4.30 p.m.  
G. F. O.  
Reg. .... Apr. 18, 4.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 18, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22  
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via “Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services.”

K. F. O.  
Reg. .... Apr. 22, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 22, 5.30 p.m.  
G. F. O.  
Reg. .... Apr. 22, 5.00 p.m.  
Ord. .... Apr. 22, 7.00 p.m.

Duchess Of  
Kent's Talk  
On Radio

The Duchess of Kent gave a four minutes' broadcast recently, her first B.B.C. talk, when she spoke on the work of the Women's Royal Naval Service, of which she is Commandant. Her Royal Highness, who had had the usual rehearsals, spoke with assurance as well as expressive fluency.

She began by saying that “Wren” officers were chosen because of their leadership abilities and because they were experienced in looking after the well-being of other people. Officers, she pointed out, were promoted from the ranks and therefore understood the conditions of life and work among the ratings.

## Work of Wrens

“During last year an average of 30 ratings a month were made officers. About one-third of them are responsible for welfare and discipline,” said the Duchess. “The remaining two-thirds of the officers are employed on duties which would otherwise be performed by naval officers, such as cyphering or secretarial and confidential work. This enables officers to be released for more active duties with the Fleet.”

The Duchess congratulated the Wrens on the wonderful way in which they have carried on their work during air raids and at times of tension.

She concluded: “We admire your courage and we know that danger is met unflinchingly, because the future happiness of our families and homes depends on victory.”

Axis Ships In  
China

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

The Evening Post and Mercury reports that the Japanese have released the Italian ship Benito and the German ship Wilhelmhelm, after holding them for five days off the Chekiang coast. The paper says that five other coastal ships—German, Italian and Portuguese—are still detained by the Japanese coastal blockade authorities—United Press.

## MR. S. DEACON

The Hongkong Electric Club, North Point, was the scene of a pleasant function on Thursday when a presentation of a silver tea and coffee service and a Rolex watch was made to Mr. S. Deacon of the Hongkong Electric Company's Generating Station, who is celebrating 20 years' service. Mr. Deacon was also an original dancer and was accompanied by Miss C. C. M. Post.



# Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

## Monday

April 7

**Tennis Championships.** In chilly weather a three-set match was fought between H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, beaters, and G. Choa and A. V. Remedios in the tennis championships today, the cousins emerging winners 6-3; 6-2; 6-2.

Despite the cold wind, a fairly large crowd assembled and was rewarded by an exhibition of sparkling tennis. The holders took the first set without much opposition and it was thought they would walk away with the match, but in the second set Remedios and Choa improved considerably and by brilliant volleying jumped into a 4-1 lead.

Through steady play by H. D. the Rumjahs gradually crept up to 4-4, and took the lead in the ninth game but Remedios and Choa put up a fine second set and won by Choa's marvellous volleying which beat the Rumjahs completely.

Choa, who was on the forehand court, fought many duels with Sirdar and invariably scored over the champion. In the 12th game, with Remedios and Choa leading 6-5, they had set point on two occasions but failed miserably. When the third chance fell to them, however, Remedios banged a terrific drive on H. D. Rumjahn's second service to midcourt and left the Rumjahs stunned.

Choa was seen at his best in this set, but Remedios still appeared over-awed by the occasion. The Rumjahs took the first two games in the final set easily. In the third game, Sirdar sent over terrific drives and Remedios, who was serving, had a most uncomfortable time. The shots came over with increasing speed and once Remedios returned Rumjahn's drives four times before the champion drove the fifth into the net. Remedios revealed some of his best form of the day in this game, which he took.

After the holders had taken the lead at 4-2, little opposition was offered and they clinched the match without further trouble. The standard of play in the first set was decidedly below championship level. The second set, however, produced many exciting moments. Choa was easily the hero. S. A. Remedios was erratic at times and played much below form. H. D. was his usual steady self but Remedios had difficulty in controlling

the ball and sent many easy shots into the net.

The match lasted 75 minutes. Result: Doubles.—H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn beat Choa and A. V. Remedios 6-3; 6-2; 6-2.

**Club handicap singles.**—T. J. Gould beat C. G. Monaghan 6-1, 6-0, 6-1. Club handicap doubles.—C. H. R. Oxide and A. H. Henslow beat F. W. Carter and N. Thurst 7-5, 6-4.

**Club singles championship.**—M. Pugh beat H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 7-5.

**St. John Ambulance.** An appeal for more volunteers in the St. John Ambulance Brigade was made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, following his inspection of the Brigade on the Naval Recreation Ground Causeway Bay, today.

"There is no service more noble than that which the Order undertakes, especially at such times as these, see to it that such a body as yours is not under strength," said Sir Geoffrey.

Members of the Brigade totalling 850 men and 250 women, presented an impressive spectacle to the large crowd present. Following the inspection, a demonstration consisting of first-aid work of every description was given. Following the demonstration, a hot-liquor square was formed, and Long Service Medals were presented by Sir Geoffrey to the following:—Amb. Officer Chang Tung-ping, Privates Le Kam-tung, Fan Kam-fuk, Chan Kam-wah, Li Chung, Li Yung-shum, Lai Chi-ki, Cheng Chung-hang, Luk Kim-hung, Lam Heung-wing, Lau Yan.

**Headmistress Retires.** Miss J. Buckwell, late Headmistress of Kowloon Junior School, has retired to Australia. In recent times she will be especially remembered for her work with the Girl Guides, and for her work as business manager of St. John's Review, says the magazine.

Miss Buckwell was appointed Assistant Mistress of Peak School in April 1920. After returning from home leave in January, 1931, she became Assistant Mistress of Victoria British School, and acted as Headmistress there from April to December, 1931. Miss Buckwell then returned to Peak School as Assistant Mistress, until April, 1937, when she became acting Headmistress of Quarry Bay School. In November, 1938, she was appointed Headmistress of Kowloon Junior School.

## Tuesday

April 8

**Badminton.** An upset marked tonight's badminton championship programme at Kowloon Cricket Club when T. S. Young, Chinese, beat M. C. H. Norman, L. S. Young, 15-8, 11-15, 15-8, 11-15, in the highlight of the evening. Young was a senior doubles match in which the holders, Patrick H. Wong and C. A. Chinese, Y.M.C.A., beat Henry Eardley and Norman Smith, St. Henry's, 15-8, 15-10, 10-17.

In the other senior doubles encounter, beat M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho, Recreio, 15-8, 15-3, C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier, Recreio, beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu, Chung Hwa, 11-15, 15-7, 10-17, in the junior

**Trade Practice.** Part IV of the Regulation states that when there is a departure from trade practice, any employers or organisations directly affected may submit to other employers or organisations particulars of the variations and when this has been referred to the Labour Officer that Officer is entitled to make full investigation into the matter.

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In including Government to drop the new scheme. Points of consideration put forward by these workers are:

(1) They were born in Hongkong, and although they have not been registered as British subjects, they are most loyal to the Government and would always be willing to adopt and obey whatever order or task the Government may entrust to them, and the risk of their lives or the sacrifice of their families in the case of emergency.

(2) The nightsoil workers of this Colony who are working at present, have carried on the present arrangement of nightsoil removal for a period of nearly 100 years and have inherited methods from their fathers or forefathers. They started work at an early age and, being nightsoil workers, they have no other training or business ability to make a living in another way.

(3) The workers number some 3,000 and they all have dependants and families, numbering in all 13,000. They do not work individually but as family units, and so in reality, there are about 13,000 nightsoil workers.

(4) They have carried out their duties with the utmost precision and foremen are employed to supervise and protect the interests of the Public.

Many Widowed Workers (5) More than half of the workers are women, and of these about 20 per cent. are widows. In the case of a worker's death, the wife or for at least one night, and the accumulation of nightsoil was so heavy that it was impossible for a single man to remove the job in a night, and so the whole family had to aid in completing the work.

A new method of League lawn bowls scoring on similar lines to the system in Shanghai was adopted at the annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association, held at the Victoria Hotel, on May 3. C. C. Leung was supported by Mr. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. L. A. Gutierrez, Hon. Treasurer.

Sir Atholl voiced the opinion that in spite of the difficult times and the ill-effects of the war on the game, the bowls programme for the season would be carried out. It was decided that the championships be again held.

The date fixed for the playing of the first league matches was May 3. Closing of entries will be on April 10. Sir Atholl referred to the return of the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and spoke of the encouragement he had always given to the game.

"Sir Geoffrey is as keen as ever and I can promise you that if there is anything he can do for the good of the game here he will be only too happy to do it," declared Sir Atholl amid applause.

The election of officers resulted: President, Sir Atholl MacGregor; Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Fraser; Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. Phillips; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Gutierrez. Mr. Phillips read the following letter from the bowls representative of Club de Recreio:

"I am directed by my Committee to place before the annual meeting for consideration, the following proposals:—

1.—That the present method of scoring league points be abandoned and in its stead a total of five points be at stake in every match as follows:—Two points for a win on aggregate number of shots; one point for each winning rink.

2.—That the composition of the first and second divisions be limited to eight teams each and third division, 12 teams each, to be split into two sections or alternatively, have a fourth division.

This latter proposition, besides making reasonably sure that all important fixtures are completed by the end of August, will provide ample time for the open and club championships to be played before the interest in bowls begins to decline."

In reply to Mr. M. N. Rakusen, Sir Atholl said: "The proposal relating to the composition of the divisions is a very important one, and I am sure that the committee will be able to make a decision on it."

## Review Of

The

Principal

Topics

April 6

To April 12

## Wednesday

April 9

**New Duties.** It was officially announced to-night that as from 2 p.m. today Toilet preparations will pay

The term Toilet preparations, includes toilet soap, shaving soap and cream, tooth paste or powder, and liquid preparations for dental purposes and mouth washes, perfumed sprays, toilet paste or powder, toilet cream, hair dye, scented sachets, lipstick, rouge and grease paint, preparations for use in manicure and pedicure, preparations for use on the hair, face or body, bath salts and essences, smelling salts, and prepared Fuller's earth, but does not include any sub-

stances made and sold under the name of Guidex, and for her work as business manager of St. John's Review, says the magazine.

The following rates will be enforced: On any quantity for retail, at a price (excluding the duty) not exceeding 50 cents, a duty of five cents will be charged; on a quantity for retail, at a price (excluding the duty) not exceeding 10 cents, over \$1 and not exceeding \$1.50, 15 cents; over \$1.50 and not exceeding \$2, 20 cents; and in addition, for every dollar or fraction of a dollar by which the retail price exceeds \$2, the duty will be another 10 cents.

**St. John's Champions.** St. John's became champions of the B division of the badminton league for the second year in succession when they beat the Coleridge team in the intersectional play-off at Recreio to-night.

The standard of play at times was very high, and a number of long rallies drew deserved applause from the small group of spectators who were present. A number of errors missing the shuttle completely and missing simple shots at the net.

St. John's had two excellent combinations in Eardley-Kwok and Wilson-Smith. In the third game, which was weak, and the services of R. Maynard, who has strained a leg muscle, was badly missed. However, Ladd and Whitley, who was playing his second game for St. John's, did as well as could be expected.

C. F. Chu and S. C. Liang, first string pair for Chung Wah, put up a good performance against Eardley and Kwok. There were a number of good rallies in this game but the St. John's pair won the better combination and won 21-15.

The Choy brothers were extremely active in all their games and won a number of points with excellent smashes and placements. C. Eardley and D. Kwok beat P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu 21-12; beat C. F. Chu and S. C. Liang 21-15; beat W. C. and W. H. Choy 21-11.

P. Wilson and N. L. Smith beat Leung and Chiu 21-12; Chiu and Liang 21-11; beat Choy and Choy 21-8. G. Ladd and N. Whitley lost to Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road. Choy and Leung and Chiu 21-12; lost to Chiu and Liang 4-21; lost to Choy and Choy 2-21.

**New Police Chief.** Mr. J. F. Pennefather, who was acting as Commissioner of Police, is now in the Colony.

Mr. Pennefather-Evans entered the Malayan Civil Service as a Police probationer in October, 1914, and was promoted to the rank of Inspector in 1921. He was acting as Acting Commissioner of Police in March, 1924, and appointed as Superintendent of Police, in April, 1928. Five years later he was appointed Acting Commissioner of Police, Kedah, and Superintendent of Straits Settlements Police in September, 1932.

He was Commandant of the Singapore Police Depot from December, 1934, to August, 1935, when he was appointed Director of the Special Branch. In June, 1938, he was appointed Acting Chief Police Officer, and in September, 1938, he became Commissioner of Police.

Death of Mr. Anisale. The death occurred of Mr. Ernest James Anisale, formerly of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., at St. Teresa's Hospital, Kowloon, today after a short illness.

The late Mr. Anisale, who was of a very kindly disposition, and was much esteemed, joined the staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, as far back as 1910. He resigned in 1933, owing to ill-health.

During the Great War, Mr. Anisale served as a member of the Hongkong Volunteers, and was also for a time in the Special Police. He was a member of the Engineers Institute for many years.

Besides his widow, Mr. Anisale is survived by his son, Mr. G. Anisale, of the Colonial Secretariat, and his stepson, Mr. W. S. Gegg, well-known cricketer, who is at present studying at the University of Hongkong.

At the end of the talk, Dr. Li Shu-ang suggested that the advertising of a name be standardised—a suggestion which was welcomed by Dr. Selwyn-Clarke on behalf of the Medical Society to-day, when the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, gave an interesting talk on "Medical Etiquette."

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## Thursday

April 10

**Reassigned to Key-Posts.** A number of successful appeals for reassignment from the Combalant Group, of the Hongkong Defence Reserve to the Key-Post Group were heard before the Compulsory Service Appeals Tribunal at the Supreme Court to-day.

The Tribunal comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chairman), and Brigadier A. Peffer.

Mr. F. P. Franklin, Assistant General Manager of the South China Morning Post, appeared on behalf of five members of the staff, Messrs. J. R. Luke, S. A. Gray, H. Brokenshire, G. W. Giffen and R. J. Cioke.

The Chairman, Mr. Franklin, we shall take up from the point where we broke off at the last appeal. I think the position is, and you will correct me if I am wrong, that having appeared as you had and having appeared on behalf of five of your staff before the Tribunal, we effected a compromise and you undertook to see how far you would be able to have regard to the case of normal civil duties, to enable your fellows to do a modified and reduced degree of training. We understood and agreed on behalf of the staff, Messrs. J. R. Luke, S. A. Gray, H. Brokenshire, G. W. Giffen and R. J. Cioke, that only one of your staff has been able to do any of the parades at all.

Mr. Franklin pointed out that it was impossible to spare these men and produce the Company's assignment diary to indicate the various daily duties which included Sundays. Brigadier Peffer asked what would be the position of the men in an emergency.

Mr. Franklin replied that they would still be necessary in the production of the newspapers and might even have to take over work normally done by Chinese.

After further discussion, the appeal was allowed and the five members of the staff were re-assigned to the Key-Post Group.

The second appeal was brought by Mr. H. C. Bustard, of Messrs. Alfred Fox and Company, Agents for the Blue Funnel Line.

The Chairman observed that when Mr. Bustard first appeared, he was granted a month's exemption when he stated that he would only be in the Colony temporarily, and might return to England.

Mr. Bustard said that he was now stationed here, and his hours were very irregular as he had to meet ships. The Chairman, after discussing the position with Brigadier Peffer, who offered no objection, recommended that the staff be transferred to the Key-Post Group.

**Funeral of Mr. Anisale.** The funeral of Mr. Ernest James Anisale who died on Wednesday took place to-day at the Colonial Cemetery, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach officiating.

Those present included Messrs G. Anisale (son), W. S. Gegg (stepson), Frank W. Whitley, Mr. J. F. Pennefather, P. L. Newman, W. C. Ogley, C. E. Fincher, A. B. Henson, H. W. Randall, W. F. East, R. Pestonji, T. H.

## Friday

April 11

**Good Friday Service.**—The Good Friday services were well attended.

The seventh annual United Service of Christian Witness was held before a large congregation at the Chinese Agency Co., Ltd., has not yet decided upon the immediate rebuilding of St. Andrew's Church. All Saints Church and Christ Church were in attendance, and the service was bilingual.

The sermon was given by the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of Hongkong. Others assisting in the service were the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach of St. Andrew's, Rev. H. D. Rosenthal of Christ Church, Rev. Tang Kai-nok of All Saints Church, and Rev. J. C. L. Wong.

Choirs from their respective churches walked in procession to the Y.M.C.A. ground, where stands were erected to provide accommodation. The service was relayed through loud-speakers.

**Medical Etiquette.** The tendency of certain medical practitioners in Hongkong to display their names in large type and in illuminated signs, was the subject of comment at a meeting of the Hongkong University Medical Society to-day, when the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, gave an interesting talk on "Medical Etiquette."

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Floral tributes were sent by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hast and family, Miss E. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maycock and family, Major and Mrs. Fild, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cairns, Miss P. Lang, Messrs P. Semellmann, C. J. Semellmann, J. R. Sutter, G. Knappushen, J. C. Saunders, W. H. Geff Arnold, C. J. Johnson, F. A. Macintosh, A. W. Brown, A. E. Stride, Sang Kee, Lo Kwan-wai, S. E. C. Liu, and did not fail to pay tribute in aid of the Peninsular Hotel to-day under the supervision of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in conjunction with Messrs. Linstead, Davis and the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The proceedings started at 2.15 p.m. and did not finish until 9 p.m. During this time, large crowds came in and out of the ground floor lounge to witness the draw, and the loud speakers installed enabled everyone to hear the numbers which were announced by Sir Atholl.

The two big prizes—a sports car and a yacht—were drawn by numbers 84017 and 5587 respectively.

Besides the Chief Justice, other officials present were Messrs H. R. Forsyth and S. T. Butlin. The War Relief Committee was represented by Mr. J. C. M. Manners, Chairman, and Messrs S. E. Faber, A. W. Ingram and C. M. Hall. Mr. B. Wylie and Mr. F. P. Franklin attended on behalf of the South China Morning Post, Ltd.

Programmes containing the list of prizes were sold for 50 cents, the proceeds swelling the fund. Tickets were put on sale on March 1 and were withdrawn from sale on Wednesday. Total sales amounted to \$7,700.

**Evacuees' Complaints.** In response to complaints from evacuees from Hongkong who are at Bondi, Australia, that letters from Hongkong are sometimes held up for a week, or even longer, after the arrival of the air mail in Sydney, and a query as to why these letters are delayed in Sydney when they have already been passed at Hongkong, the Superintendent of Mails in Sydney stated:

"I know of no delays with incoming Hongkong mail. We deliver the letters as soon as they are available, generally the day after they arrive, in the case of a letter has been censored at the other end, censors do not want much about them this end. I suggest that these people come and see me and produce their envelopes. Once we see the envelopes we can get a fairly good idea what has happened to the letters. This must be some special case. The trouble may be caused by letters missing the mail at the other end."

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**First Division.** Club 0 Middlesex 4

**Second Division.** Royal Scots 3 Police 2

**Third Division.** Sing Tao 2 Police 2

**35th R.A.** 1 Royal Engineers 3

**Win Cricket League.** The Kowloon Cricket Club's second eleven won the Junior League Cricket Championship to-day. They narrowly defeated Craigshaw Cricket Club's second eleven by two wickets in a thrilling finish. By virtue of their win, Kowloon C.C. have established a League Cricket "double" for their first eleven won the Senior League Championship the previous week.

**Good bowling by Kowloon kept Craigshaw's score at a low level and they were dismissed for 56 runs. The comparatively strong Kowloon team just managed to score 38 runs, for eight wickets, and at no time were fully confident against the Omar brothers, U.M. and A.M. who bowled unchanged for Craigshaw.**

## Saturday

April 12

**Football.** South China proved themselves the most consistent soccer team in the Colony by capturing their third honour of the season to-day when they defeated Navy in the final of the Senior Shield. Their previous trophies were the Kowloon Cup and first division championship.

The ground was packed to capacity to witness both Shield finals. Mr. N. L. Scott, Director of the Colonial Secretary, presented the Shields.

## Quips By "Argus"

**With Acknowledgments**

The population is about a million and a half, not including the New Territories. But it should be half a million more—and the awful fact remains that perhaps the A.R.P. wardens forgot to count themselves.

According to news broadcast all over the world, Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham will be returning to Manila from Hongkong in a day or two. According to the Hongkong censorship, there ain't no such person.

I see that the Europeans have been beaten the Hakaas at football. The St. Andrew's Society, however, has the situation well in hand and it is considered in official circles that the coup is not very serious.

Friday was Children's Day. I understand there were many happy reunions—and some astonished recognitions.

Nearly a thousand butter dishes have been stolen from the Dairy Farm. That's what comes of providing souvenir sugar tongs.

The classical illustration for news is a man biting a dog. A good competitor was found in California recently. A scorpion stung a schoolteacher, and died.

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### WAR'S NEW TEMPO

THE war has assumed a quickened tempo during the past fortnight, and quite a number of factors are pointing to a decisive showdown ere the summer is fully upon Europe. The conflict in the Balkans is more than a diversion. The ferocity of the fighting and the number of men being used by both sides means that the outcome of the struggle in Greece and Yugo-Slavia must have an important bearing on the future progress of the war. The Axis offensive in Cirenaica is not quite so Socialist as they once were (Some of whom have since become Fascists), Socialists who were still Socialists, and at the extreme left of the semi-circle, the Communists.

"I Am The State"  
Can the transition from absolutism (as personified by the aged Marshal Pétain) to democracy be accomplished without the violence which has accompanied almost all political upheavals in France, and especially

the Communists. The military situation at the present is fraught with tremendous possibilities, and anxious days there must be ahead; courage and confidence will be more and more needed; but let it be recognised that for us the fight is only just starting. The British Bulldog is fast getting his grip from which he never relaxes until the fight is over and the victory won.

During the weekend the world has celebrated the Christian festival of Easter, which has its symbolic message of hope and faith in the ultimate fineness of humanity; the same symbol bearing the same message can surely be found in the great fight which the democratic nations of the world are to-day waging against the forces of diabolical evil.

## HOW WILL HITLER FALL? SECOND ARTICLE

# The Second French Revolution

By George Slocombe

(THE FAMOUS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT)

THERE have, of course, been several revolutions in the long, tumultuous history of France. But by the French Revolution we usually mean the Revolution of 1789.

That revolution cut through history as with a knife. It separated the age of dawning democracy from the age of decaying despotism.

Until now it has been the greatest landmark in the life of France—and perhaps in the life of the western world.

Until now, because an even greater landmark will be created by the second French Revolution—the Revolution of 1941—

For how is it possible to conceive of the liberation of France from Nazi occupation, except as the prelude, or the sequel, to revolution?

### History's Wheels

Do we seriously believe that when this nightmare interlude of defeat and humiliation is over, the wheels of French history can be turned back like the hands of a clock?

Can France wake up one fine morning and find again, functioning normally, that strange jumble of political groups and parties which made up the Chamber of Deputies before June, 1940?

In that Chamber were Royalists, right wing Conservatives, left wing Conservatives, right wing Radicals, left wing Radicals, Socialists who were not quite so Socialist as they once were (Some of whom have since become Fascists), Socialists who were still Socialists, and at the extreme left of the semi-circle, the Communists.

### "I Am The State"

Can the transition from absolutism (as personified by the aged Marshal Pétain) to democracy be accomplished without the violence which has accompanied almost all political upheavals in France, and especially

political upheavals which follow military disasters?

We do not yet fully realise the extent of the political revolution wrought by Pétain. He thinks in terms of Louis the Fourteenth—a Sun King without the sun. "I am the State!"

He has abolished the famous device of the first Revolution—Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

He has abolished Parliament, the Republic, the elected President, the trade unions. If France had ever voted women's suffrage, he would have abolished that.

He governs, not by legislative enactment, but by decree. And the preamble to every decree begins with the once-royal "We"—"We, Philippe Henri Pétain."

He has not yet restored the monarchy, but in substance the monarchy is there.

Pétain's attitude towards the legitimists, the House of Guise, is not yet clear. It may be that of Admiral Horthy, in Hungary, towards the Habsburgs. Or it may be that of Hitler towards the Hohenzollerns.

In the meanwhile, he has established a Fuehrer State, and Pétain is the Fuehrer.

Since democracy has been abolished in France by what is really a counter-revolution, and by the very elements responsible for France's defeat and surrender, it cannot be restored without a second revolution.

### How It Can Come

How is that revolution to be achieved? Here are two of the possible answers:

A spontaneous rising of the French people against their Nazi oppressors, feebly resisted by the Government in Vichy.

Or the collapse of Germany as the result of a series of British and allied victories, air bombardments, sea battles and revolutionary risings in other occupied territories.

Consider the first possibility. Two-thirds of France, two-thirds of her coastline, all her industrial



"This courageous and sincere soldier"—General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Forces. He is seen here leaving his headquarters in London with his aides.

regions and the richest part of her Weygand, the lieutenant and heir of agricultural lands are occupied by Foch.

He has risked his career, and has been condemned to death.

Two million troops are stationed there. He has been sincere at by his seniors as a visionary, an opportunist, a headstrong adventurer—and Rouen, Le Havre, Brest, Nantes, the men who dined him in 1933, Tours, Orleans, Bordeaux, Lille, when he outlined the system of mechanised strategy which the Germans afterwards adopted against the first attitude of the Germans.

The first attitude of the Germans was deliberately conciliatory. The France, he has been among his bitterest invaders were polite, compassionate, est critics.

They pitied the French. They blamed their defeat on the perfidious British.

But they could not conceal their greed for plunder.

They despoiled the French traders—men with arrogance and avidity, paying for their extravagant purchases in worthless marks.

### Under The Heel

And with characteristic German thoroughness they took possession of every organism of French life.

They controlled newspapers and radio stations, theatres and industry, food rationing, and even civilian road-traffic.

They sent shiploads of pictures, wine, brandy, silks and other valuable French merchandise to North and South America (some to fall into the hands of our blockade patrols).

They sent trainloads and lorry-loads of private plunder to Germany, to be shared by army officers and Nazi bosses.

Also they carried, on the subtle game of discrediting, bribing, blackmailing and subverting the political leaders in France, which they had begun long before Munich.

They backed Laval, but tried to undermine him. They encouraged the new French Fascists—the ex-Communists Doriot, the ex-Socialist

Deat, the ex-Radical Bergery—to deprecate Pétain, to sneer at Vichy, to prepare the way for a thoroughgoing Nazi revolution.

### Changed Spirit

In the first few months of their occupation, they seemed to be succeeding. France, defeated, humiliated, dispirited, with a heavily censored Press and radio, believed that Britain was also finished, and fatalistically resigned herself to the inevitable.

But the inevitable did not happen. The Air Force saved Britain. The Greeks showed them what would have happened to Italy, if France had not gone out of the war.

The British Navy showed them. And finally the Army of the Nile swept Mussolini out of Egypt.

France began to recover her spirit. She began to listen to the B.B.C. broadcasts.

And at the same time she began to note the discouragement of Germany's invasion troops on the coast, the effectiveness of British bombing.

The seeds of a spontaneous rising from the weakness which has are, therefore being sown, and in ferocious ground. But it is too early to place our hopes, for all that, in an anti-German insurrection.

The French are too completely disarmed. Their oppressors are too powerful. The risks are—as yet—too great.

### Free France Leader

Then consider the chances of General de Gaulle.

This courageous and sincere soldier has had to fight not only the Germans. He has also had to fight the French—only a small number of Frenchmen it is true, but they have been to be in power in France to-day.

They are the men who sold France—the frightened, egoistic, gully men who betrayed France, to renounce such celebrated soldiers as Pétain, the hero of Verdun, and

the long-suffering races seized their opportunity and took their freedom. And Gaul is still Gaul. It Rome is no longer Rome.

However, the liberation of France comes, the second French Revolution is not only inevitable. It is already beginning.

### TO-MORROW

Czechs Silent War for Britain.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Before I pronounce you man and wife, state your war aims!"



## Nazis' Record Desert Dash Also Has Its Complications

CAIRO, Apr. 13 (Reuter).—The German and Italian forces have extended their record dash across Libya, it is learned in Cairo, to the Egyptian frontier.

Leaving Tobruk to be settled later, they have seized Bardia and are now fighting near Sollum. The speed of their advance has had its complications. British Imperial forces in Tobruk threaten their lines of communication, the R.A.F. have smashed an imminent tank attack in that area, they are believed to be relying on petrol supplies by air to oil their advance and, as the Western Desert again becomes a battleground, British reinforcements are being rushed up daily.

British forces in Northern Greece have driven back German tanks and infantry on the eastern sector of the Allied front and R.A.F. aircraft have continued to harry German motorised convoys in the Bitola area (entrance to the Monastir Gap), but no major battle between the Allied and German forces has yet begun.

The relentless German pressure both in the Balkans and in Africa is costing them fairly heavy losses in men and material.

The German claim to have occupied Belgrade but the position generally in Yugoslavia is described in London as slightly more comforting, with the Yugoslav commanders contesting the German thrusts and scoring a certain success in the south. The main British campaign in Abyssinia are still being held up by demolitions along the Gondar and Dessale roads.

## Army Rugger Seven-a-side Tournament

Originally scheduled for Saturday afternoon, but brought forward to Friday, the Army Rugby Seven-a-side Tournament was won by Royal Engineers when they beat 5th A.A. "A". Royal Artillery, by three goals and three tries (24 points) to nil, after leading 8-0 at the interval.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the trophy was presented by the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major-General A. E. Graeff, to Col Foley, the Sappers' skipper. The following are the results of this year's Army Seven-a-side Tournament:

First Round  
Royal Scots "A" beat 12th R.A. "B" 17-0  
5th A.A. R.A. "A" beat Royal Scots "B" 17-0

5th A.A. R.A. "C" beat Middlesex "B" 17-0  
5th A.A. R.A. "D" beat Middlesex "A" 17-0  
Engineers "B" w.o. from 8th R.A. "A"  
R.A.M.C. beat 5th R.A. "B" 17-0  
Engineers "A" beat 12th R.A. "A" 17-0

Quarter Finals  
Royal Scots "A" w.o. from Signals "A"  
5th A.A. R.A. "A" beat 5th A.A. R.A. "C"  
5th A.A. R.A. "B" beat Engineers "B"  
Engineers "A" beat R.A.M.C. 17-0

Semi-Finals  
5th A.A. R.A. "A" beat Royal Scots "A"  
Engineers "A" beat 5th A.A. R.A. "B"  
Engineers "A" beat 5th A.A. R.A. "A" 24-0

Final  
Engineers "A" beat 5th A.A. R.A. "A" 24-0

COMING SOON



To The LEE THEATRE

## Handicaps For To-day's Racing

The following are the handicaps for to-day's 12 events:

Sydney Handicap, First section, six furlongs.—A Good Time, 135; Amber II, 140; Annabella, 130; Strodon, 130; Circs, 132; London, 140; National Victory, 140; Quick Despatch, 130; Rising Star, 140; Roanoke, 130; Spring Shine, 130; Winnie, 130.

Kellett Handicap, First section, 1 1/4 miles.—Blue Diamond, 140; Eve of Polly, 132; Eve of Peace, 130; Time, 140; Jennifer, 132; Jober, 130; King Kong, 140; Lancashire Lass, 132; Peaceful View, 132; Rob Roy, 132; Rose Jane, 140; Thirty Six, 130; Wonderful Scheme, 132; Smashing Through, 132.

Cabrera Handicap, First section, six furlongs.—A Roaring Time, 132; Australian Prince, 140; Catterick Bridge, 140; Centre County, 132; Cuckoo Star, 132; Daisy Day, 132; Double Finesse, 140; Flying Dutchman, 132; Franklin, 132; Income Tax, 132; Rivulet, 132; Shuttlecock, 142; Warrego River, 142.

Albury Handicap, from the 1 1/2 Mile post, 1 1/2 miles.—Bathurst, Brown Derby, 130; Castle Hill, 132; Distant View, 132; Endeavour, 140; Flying Fortress, 132; Lancashire Lass, 132; Many Thanks, 130; Sapper, 130; United Express, 140; Vanity Fair, 140.

For "Sapper" does not accept the following weights will apply.—Bathurst, Brown Derby, 130; Castle Hill, 132; Distant View, 132; Endeavour, 140; Flying Fortress, 132; Lancashire Lass, 132; Many Thanks, 130; Sapper, 130; United Express, 140; Vanity Fair, 140.

A Surprise Time, 140; Bendemer, 130; Black Seal, 140; Corsair, 140; Happy Returns, 140; J. G. Centurion, 132; King's Flight, 140; Lex Fort, 130; Mainsail, 130; Manhattan, 130; Maple Leaf, 142; Moonlight, 132; National Welfare, 140; Optima Fide, 132; Santa Anita, 140.

Kellett Handicap, Second section, 1 1/4 miles.—Advancing Time, 140; Emergency Unit, 142; Galveston Day, 132; Jane Doe, 132; Just in Time, 140; Musketeer, 140; Night Express, 130; Outgun, 130; Patricia, 140; Rancorous, 130; Rose Evelyn, 140; Rose Fina, 132; So Nice, 140.

Sydney Handicap, Second section, six furlongs.—Antares, 140; Canberra, 140; Iron Belle, 140; King's Welcome, 132; Man-o'-war, 140; National Reform, 140; Nippon, 140; Nineteenth Hole, 140; Subpoena, 140; Tropical Love, 140; Van-guard, 140.

Cabrera Handicap, Second section, six furlongs.—Bruno, 130; Cockle, 140; Graceful View, 140; Incoms, 132; Locust, 140; Mandy, 130; Maple Star, 130; Misty View, 130; Mountain View, 130; National, 130; Courage, 132; Nominie Poene, 130; Sea Key, 140; The Nineteenth Hole, 140; Vis Major, 132.

Exciting Position  
The opening batsmen put on 22, but then Craigieover and the pleasant experience of dismissing Madar and Hung for the addition of ten runs. Goodbar, hitting hard, helped Baxter, who was playing model defensive cricket, to add 26 for the next wicket, but after he and Gray had gone with the addition of only four runs, K.C.C. had their backs quite definitely to the wall.

When Baxter, joined by Taylor, was adjudged lbw, Craigieover appeared more than likely winners, but Fenton with two fours and a single and Curtis, scoring similarly, put the teamsters within five of the Craigieover total. Brokenshire offered a perfectly straight and passive bat to everything straight while Taylor, showing great confidence, proceeded to make the necessary runs.

The winning run was a highly colourful incident. Taylor hit to long-on for a safe two, but the ball was returned hard and broke the wicket while C.C.C. were vainly appealing the batsmen proceeded to win the game. Two balls later Brokenshire scooped up a shorter one from A. M. Omar into forward short leg's hands, for what one spectator described as the "best duck this season."

As the teams were well matched, it was obvious from the result. Craigieover were splendid in the field and great credit is due to the Omar brothers who bowled unchanged and brought the team so near to success. A. M. Omar sent down 14.8 overs and his brother U.M., 14 overs.

While Craigieover were unfortunate to lose a wicket, Hung, they did, K.C.C. can also claim that they did not lose a wicket. Madar, the latter being utterly tormented by a vicious "snorter" from U. M. Omar, which few, if any players would have stopped.

It was a thrilling match, played in the proper spirit—a tribute to league cricket.

CHENG TU EARTHQUAKE  
CHENG TU, Apr. 14 (Central News).—A slight earthquake, lasting about two seconds, occurred in Chengtu at 9 a.m. yesterday. The extent of damage has not yet been ascertained.

## ART SHOW ARRANGED TO HELP WAR FUNDS



Sponsored by H.E. the Governor, an exhibition of selected works of the Chinese artist, Liang Yu-ming, will be held at St John's Hall on Friday and Saturday next in aid of Chinese war relief and British war funds. Mr Liang is noted for his paintings of war subjects. A native of Kwangtung, he directed the propaganda front during Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's Northern Punitive Expedition in 1926, and has exhibited both in China and in Russia. The pictures above are typical of the artist's style.

## Rector Deprived of Living Likes to be Army Padre

THE Rev. William Henry Hopkin, recently deprived of his £1,139-a-year living by the Bishop of Bedford, said: "It is no surprise. After the findings of the Consistory Court the bishop had absolutely no alternative."

"But the decision is confined only to depriving me of my living here in Blunham and preventing me from taking another one in this diocese."

"There is nothing to stop me taking a living elsewhere." The rector was deprived of his living after being found guilty on various charges of resorting to taverns, drinking, and accosting women.

He had been at Blunham for twenty-two years. Asked if he would like to take a post as chaplain in the Army, the rector said: "That would suit me down to the ground. I like to be among real men—men like my own age who are serving their country."

"I do not know how I stand about this, however, as regards my age. In any case, I believe that Army chaplains are now appointed by the bishop of the diocese."

## Blackshirts Ban Talks In Streets

Blackshirt contingents are patrolling the streets of Italian cities and towns, breaking up street-corner gatherings.

They are preventing groups of more than three people from meeting to talk together.

For they know that all discussion now is about either the country's military setbacks in Africa and Albania or of British naval and air successes at Italy's expense. Notices have been posted throughout Italy bearing this warning: "If you listen to foreign broadcasts do not repeat what you hear."

## War-Crippled Children

Loom Cures Arm  
British children crippled through air-raid injuries are being taught how to become useful citizens.

Mrs Glyn Owens, chairman of the Council of the English Occupational Therapy Association, has been telling American audiences of the Association's work.

"More children are being smashed and broken in this war than in any war in history," she says.

"Suppose a little girl's broken arm has come out of a cast and needs to be stretched. She is given a small loom and taught how to make doll's clothes." Favourite occupation among injured boys is woodwork.

## Empire Air Fighters

One-Third Above Estimate  
The number of pilot officers and sergeants trained under Britain's Empire Air Training Scheme is now over one-third more than the total originally aimed at.

The first contingents of them have been posted for active service in the United Kingdom from the Empire Training Schools which have been set up in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

When the Scheme, which has just completed its first twelve months' work, is in full operation, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are expected to produce from their own resources alone, no fewer than 20,000 pilots and 30,000 air crews each year. Italy trained to meet the enemy. Canada is, in addition, our "finishing school" for airmen from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

After Luftwaffe  
Potential air crews come from their recruiting centre to training depots and are then drafted to the Initial Training Schools. From there each branch takes its appropriate course of instruction and all of them then go on to the Bombing and Gunnery Schools.

After a further four weeks at Air Navigation Schools for the observers all the men go overseas for six months' practical training. The fact that the first contingents of them are already bringing down the Luftwaffe is its own testimony to the swift success of the Scheme.

## Girl In A Million

Alaine Brandes, showgirl in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Ziegfeld Girl," is Hollywood's latest Glamour Girl because she has the "eyes of Vivien Leigh, mouth and chin of Ann Sheridan, and hair of Maureen O'Hara."

Los Angeles cameramen, however, are not satisfied. They are still looking for the perfect screen actress who must be a composite of 17 stars! She must also have, among other things, Myrna Loy's nose, Lena Turner's neck, Olivia De Havilland's arms, Claudette Colbert's hands, Mariene Dietrich's legs, Ginger Rogers' feet, Margaret Sullivan's voice, and Greta Garbo's personality.

## BRITAIN'S 49,000 PLANES

Mr T. P. Wright, one of the United States' leading aircraft production engineers, writing in "Aviation," estimates that Britain will have nearly 49,000 warplanes by the spring of 1942, and will then achieve parity in the air with the Axis.

By the middle of 1942 Britain will have outstripped the combined air strength of the Axis Powers and will have about 55,000 planes.

Parity With Axis  
The United States, Mr Wright said, will have parity with the Axis in the air by the close of 1942, even though America continues to supply Britain with warplanes.

Germany's plane losses in the war, he emphasised, were three times those of Britain at September 1940, and although they were being reduced, would remain twice those of Britain until July 1942.

## Soldier, Girl Wife And Baby Gassed

Pushing their way past a fortnight's accumulation of newspapers and milk bottles police recently broke into a cottage at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield.

Lying dead in bed, apparently gassed, were Private Sydney Wigley, Army absentee, his girl-wife Agnes and their baby of eleven months.

Wigley had been called up for military service six weeks previously. He did not want to leave his wife and baby. On November 18 he was posted as an absentee.

People who knew them were saying it was a tragedy of a couple who could not bear to be separated.

His sister, Mrs E. Maw, put it this way: "They were very much in love with each other. Too much as it has proved. Agnes seemed so miserable while he was away."

"They had bothered little about the outside world and were happy in their own little home with baby Ann."

The B.B.C. in a German broadcast recently, said: "It would be interesting to inquire whether Marshal Milch applied to the German authorities for permission to send this currency out of Germany to America for transmission to England, or whether—following the custom of the other German Nazi leaders—he has a secret banking account in America."

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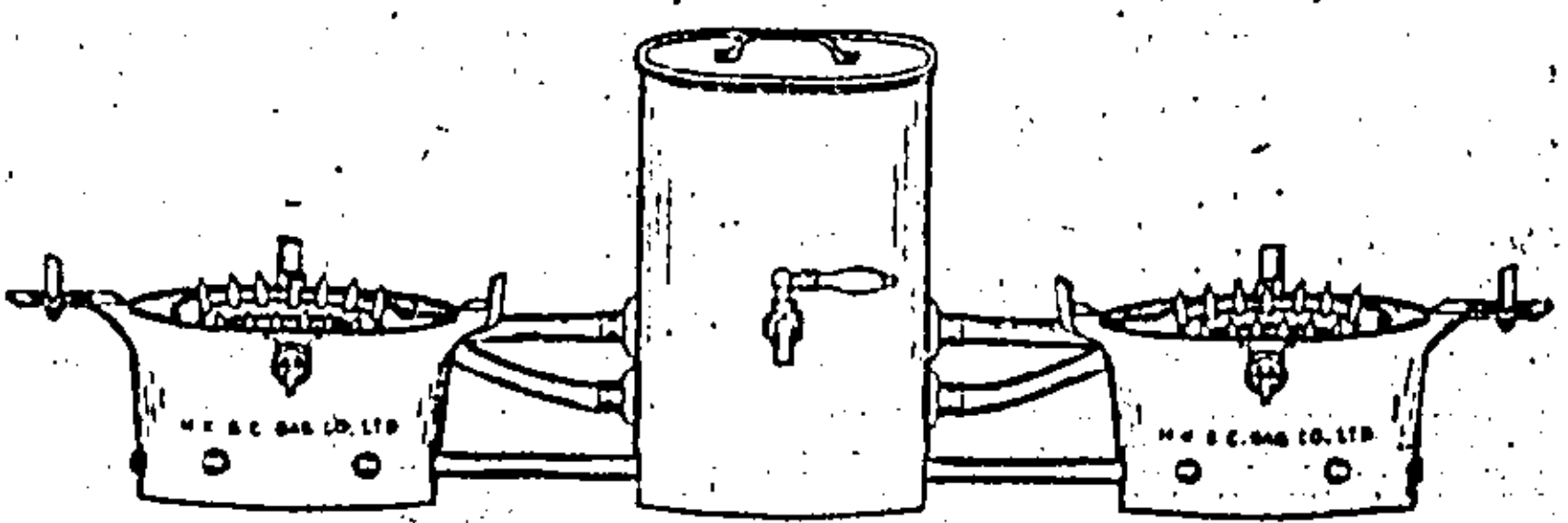
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# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## Final Senior League Soccer Match

### Royal Scots Defeat Police 3-2 At Boundary Street: Fine Defence Keeps Score Down

(By "SCRAMBLER")

DISPLAYING PERFECT COMBINATION, Royal Scots defeated the Police yesterday at Boundary Street in the last senior league encounter of the season by the odd goal in five after leading by two clear goals in the first half. There was plenty of good football to be had, all supplied by the Scots, who were in one of their best forms of the season.

The Police were never allowed to settle down to any co-ordinated play, the Scots' defence being on top most of the game. They had so to speak, the Police attacks bottled, and during the first half, the Guardians of the Law were mostly on the defensive. Good work on the part of Pope, aided and abetted by North and Blackburn prevented a heavier score.

Bankier was as usual, sound and safe in goal, and during the latter part of the match he pulled off many a spectacular save. He was helped to a great extent by Naysmith and Fraser, and these two players did not allow the Police attack to settle down at all to any constructive play.

Supported by a sound pair of backs, the Scots' intermediate trio had matters their way, and were able to concentrate to a great degree on their attack, allowing the opposition very little room in which to move about. Farnaby in particular keeping such a wary eye on the wily Howlett that the latter was not seen to any good advantage.

In attack, Auld was clever, often going through on his own. He received adequate support from both James and Munroe, and his wingers sent across perfect passes. Hossack was fast on the extreme right, and the first two goals scored were due to his efforts. Because of the fallings of the Police wing halves, the Scots' wingers were allowed to shine.

Pope was the best Police player on view, often having to run across plenty of territory to relieve pressure. Because of the weakness of Mak Hon-fan as a defender, extra burden was thrown on Pope and the full backs, with the result that Lar-kins was not very much bothered.

#### Backs Also Unsteady

Both Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu were very unsteady under pressure, and were it not for the Scots' inability to make good use of the chances presented during the first half, they would have lost by a heavier score. Tsang Wing revealed that he could be depended upon, and saved several certain goals.

Howlett was not allowed to do much, being too closely guarded by the backs that gave nothing away. Ferrier was the harder worker of the two insidemen, although Coull showed up now and again with flashes of brilliance. The two wingers were slow, and often wasted golden opportunities by delaying their centres.

In the first half there was only one team in the picture, the Scots practically dominated play throughout, and Tsang Wing was called upon to save his charge often. Pope worked tirelessly throughout, and following pressure on the right, Hossack's cen-

tre was turned to good account from close quarters by Auld. Immediately after, Tsang Wing did well in holding to Auld's first time shot.

#### Good Goalkeeping

After Munroe had put the Scots two up when he beat Tsang Wing with a left foot drive from a pass by Hossack, Ferrier had bad luck when his header was intercepted brilliantly by Bankier. With the score two in their favour, the Scots somewhat relaxed their game, and during this half, the Police came into the picture with several sporadic raids.

Hossack had many runs down the side line which often threatened the Police citadel, in one of which he beat Tsang Wing. After this Bankier in effecting a save left his charge, and Chan Tai-fai had only to shoot into an empty net to reduce the score. With play being swung from one end to another, Howlett was fouled just outside the area, and Pope scored with a well placed shot. Towards the end of the game, Bankier was called upon more often than Tsang Wing in effecting saves, and the final whistle sounded with play in midfield.

POLICE: Tsang Wing; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yu; Mak Hon-fan, Pope, North; Chan Tai-fai, Ferrier, Howlett, Coull, Moss.

SCOTS: Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Adamson, Parnaby, Marshall; Hossack, James, Auld, Munroe, Lar-kins.

#### Home Rugby

### League Final

London, Apr. 12. Bradford Northern won the Rugby League Championship today when they beat Wigan in the final by 17 points to 6.

First round matches in the Rugby League Cup were also held and resulted as follows: Featherstone 5, Castleford 6; Halifax 24, Broughton Rangers 13; Hunslet 18, Leigh 8; Oldham 9, Dewsbury 13; Wakefield Trinity 24, Keighley 9.

In the Yorkshire Rugby League Huddersfield beat Leeds 22-3.—Reuter.

### Rugby Union Results

London, April 12. The following were to-day's Rugby Union results: Rosslyn Park 41, An Army XV 0; Wasps 42, Royal Air Force 0; Bath 11, An Army XV 22; Gloucester 0, An Army XV 8; Northampton 20, A Royal Air Force XV 6; Cardiff 6, Combined Universities 14; Midlands 21, Army XV 6.—Reuter.

## Badminton Finals And Semi Finals

### Fine Programme Next Week at Kowloon C.C.

The semi-finals and finals of the Colony Men's and Women's Badminton Championships will be held at Kowloon Cricket Club shortly starting on Monday evening next week, when some of the finest matches in the history of the sport in the Colony should be witnessed. Arrangements have been made to stage all the concluding round matches at Kowloon Cricket Club where the amenities, both for the players and spectators, are the best available. Charges of 60 cents and 30 cents, respectively, for semi-finals, and \$1 and 50 cents for finals will be charged. The following is the programme:

MONDAY, APRIL 11  
Senior Singles—K. W. Choy v. F. Koh (8 p.m.).  
Mixed Doubles—M. A. Oliveria and Miss M. Silva v. H. C. Eardley and Mrs. Torrible (8.30 p.m.); P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v. K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro (9.30 p.m.).  
Junior Singles—T. S. Young v. D. Chelliah (9 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 22  
Ladies' Doubles—Miss M. Silva and Miss M. A. Oliveria v. Miss Chao and Miss M. Chum v. Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss C. M. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. P. Wilson (7.30 p.m.); Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong v. Mrs. M. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez v. Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmerman v. Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira (8.45 p.m.).  
Senior Doubles—Y. P. and M. P. Young v. P. K. Hoot and H. F. Chew (8 p.m.); P. H. W. and C. Au v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low (9.30 p.m.).  
Junior Doubles—A. L. Fisher and P. Genter-Singler v. L. Anderson and W. Gillies (8.45 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 24  
Senior Singles—J. Odell v. A. L. Fisher (8 p.m.).  
Mixed Doubles—P. K. Hoot and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveria and Miss Silva v. H. C. Eardley and Mrs. Torrible (8.30 p.m.).  
Junior Doubles—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. G. Pereira and A. Z. Xavier.  
Senior Singles—T. S. Young v. M. P. Young.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23  
Finals of Ladies' Doubles, Junior Singles and Mixed Doubles.  
THURSDAY, MAY 1  
Finals of Senior Singles, Junior Doubles and Senior Doubles.

#### Women's Doubles

The women's doubles which were to have taken place at the Jewish Recreation Club on Thursday will be played to-morrow at 7 p.m.

The programme is as follows:—Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson. Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong v. Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez; Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmerman v. Miss Noronha and Miss Pereira.

### SPORTS ADVT.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 12th and MONDAY, 14th April, 1941, commencing at 11.30 a.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m.

The fifteen interval will be after the fourth race on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE  
No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 9.45 a.m. on both days.

Tickets obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE  
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th April, 1941.



Bankier (Royal Scots) saving from the right against the Police. Fraser, Scots left back, wards off the Police forwards. —Ming Yuen.

## Dramatic Cricket At Kowloon C.C.

### Craigengower Beaten For Junior League Title

NO MORE EXCITING or dramatic finish to the junior cricket league could be imagined than the match between K.C.C. and Craigengower at Cox's Road ground on Saturday which decided the championship.

K.C.C. won by two wickets in a photo finish which left 22 players and a large gathering of spectators wondering who on earth ever suggested that cricket was a dull game.

Because it was the all decisive match of the season, it can be claimed that the K.C.C. won on their merits, but there could not be more gallant losers than Craigengower, who, after being shot out for a meagre 85 runs, fought back so magnificently that it was tough and go as to whom would emerge ultimate winners.

A catch dropped when the home team still required twelve runs to win and only three wickets outstanding was one of the many dramatic features of the game. The bold hitting of Goodban, Ferton and Curtis, the dour defensive knock by Baxter, the remarkably steady bowling of the Omar brothers, and the keenness in the field displayed by both sides were other notable adornments of the match.

#### Craigengower Innings

CRAIGENGOWER were sent in to bat on an easy paced wicket which was not too difficult for them. Goodwin and W. C. Hung were both prone to send down leg-side stuff which Archie Hunter treated with scant ceremony. But the two bowlers also managed to mix in a few lovely deliveries and these took wickets. Craigengower lost half their side for just over 40 runs and looked as though they might be dismissed for 70; but Leonard and Hung took toll of the fast bowlers, who then gave way to Fenton (leg spinner) and Taylor (medium pace). These two met with immediate success, and TURN to Page 5, Column Two

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

## "Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

### Saturday's Cash Sweeps

RACE 1		No. 1235	\$1,200.20
		No. 2430	\$61.80
		No. 1964	\$100.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 434	
		1212, 1870, 38, 2857.	
RACE 2		No. 921	\$1,403.53
		No. 948	\$27.50
		No. 2025	\$13.25
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 703, 401.	
RACE 3		No. 2006	\$1,234.50
		No. 2709	\$37.00
		No. 101	\$105.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 1802	
		1893, 2039, 690, 2245, 1043, 156, 1008, 2400, 3322, 1077.	
RACE 4		No. 569	\$1,512.23
		No. 393	\$34.10
		No. 1897	\$217.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 3550,	
		80, 224, 942, 3105, 073, 401.	
RACE 5		No. 3840	\$1,582.70
		No. 1027	\$52.30
		No. 963	\$23.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 1530,	
		2767, 2800, 1914, 1200, 2301, 2445, 3945, 2400, 3110, 3190, 700, 347.	
RACE 6		No. 1715	\$1,567.55
		No. 400	\$59.20
		No. 270	\$212.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 620,	
		2537, 1026.	
RACE 7		No. 109	\$1,002.25
		No. 1897	\$43.50
		No. 2070	\$217.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 849,	
RACE 8		No. 1773	\$1,732.10
		No. 2810	\$50.00
		No. 4022	\$20.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 3042,	
		830, 3596, 2665, 2970, 3783, 1380, 3050, 1257, 2434, 2079.	
RACE 9		No. 3598	\$2,022.10
		No. 4207	\$50.00
		No. 2070	\$217.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 2229,	
		1406, 1291.	
RACE 10		No. 3514	\$2,021.05
		No. 3530	\$57.70
		No. 2554	\$217.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 237,	
		3493, 3726, 3302.	
RACE 11		No. 1632	\$2,036.63
		No. 3182	\$51.50
		No. 3083	\$20.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 1101,	
		159, 1033, 3099, 1854.	
RACE 12		No. 509	\$2,295.30
		No. 400	\$65.80
		No. 2070	\$217.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each):		No. 1827,	
		3922, 4774, 4711.	

#### Home Soccer

### War Cup Semi-finals

London, Apr. 12. The semi-final round matches in the Football League War Cup Competition were held today, when Tottenham Hotspur held Arsenal to a draw after extra time, sharing two goals, while Newcastle United beat Sheffield United by four clear goals, to enter the final.

The results of other Cup and League competitions were as follows:  
LONDON CUP  
Aldershot 2, Brentford 2; Crystal Palace 1, Queens' Park Rangers 2; Fulham 4, Chelsea 0; West Ham 4, Clapton Orient 1.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE, SOUTH  
Bournemouth 4, Southampton 3; Luton

- 1-SYDNEY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)  
Becon National Victory Annabella
- 2-KELLETT HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)  
Wonderful Scheme King Kong Eve of Folly
- 3-CABRAMATTA HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)  
Derby Day Flying Dutchman A Roaring Time
- 4-EASTER STAKES  
Racylight Confusion Bay Eve of Harvest
- 5-BEAUMARIS STAKES  
Fleetwing Marsh Warbler Mountain View
- 6-Albury Handicap  
Sapper Distant View Lancashire Chips
- 7-COOLGARDIE STAKES (FIRST SECTION)  
Vitamin M. Bona Vacantia The Koala Bear
- 8-WATTE PARK HANDICAP  
Manhattan Moonlight A Surprising Time
- 9-KELLETT HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)  
Oscar Night Express Galveston Bay
- 10-SYDNEY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)  
Canberra King's Welcome Amusement Tax
- 11-COOLGARDIE STAKES (SECOND SECTION)  
Seal River Angel of Glory Corriedo
- 12-CABRAMATTA HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)  
Nominos Feenase Haseossey Misty View

3. Brighton 3; Southend 3; Portsmouth 1; Walford 7; Norwich 1.
5. SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE  
Northampton 3, West Bromwich Albion 1; Reading 4, Millwall 1; North Forest 1, Notts County 3.
6. NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE  
Barnsley 4, Huddersfield 3; Blackburn 0, Bolton 0; Blackpool 0, Liverpool 0; Burnley 2, Bolton 2; Chester 1, Wrexham 1; Halifax 8, Doncaster 1; Manchester City 1, Leeds 1; New Brighton 5, Crewe 0; Preston 4, Oldham 0; Rochdale 5, Stockport 1; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Chesterfield 1; Tranmere 3, Southport 0; York 3, Grimsby 2; Exeter 1, Manchester United 2.
7. MIDLAND CUP, SEMI-FINAL  
Lincoln 0, Blackpool 0.
8. SCOTTISH LEAGUE  
Aberdeen 0, Heart of Midlothian 3; Clyde 1, Celtic 1; Hamilton Academicals 1, Glasgow Rangers 4; Hibernian 2, Ardronians 2; Motherwell 3, Falkirk 1; Queen's Park 2, Third Lanark 2.—Reuter.

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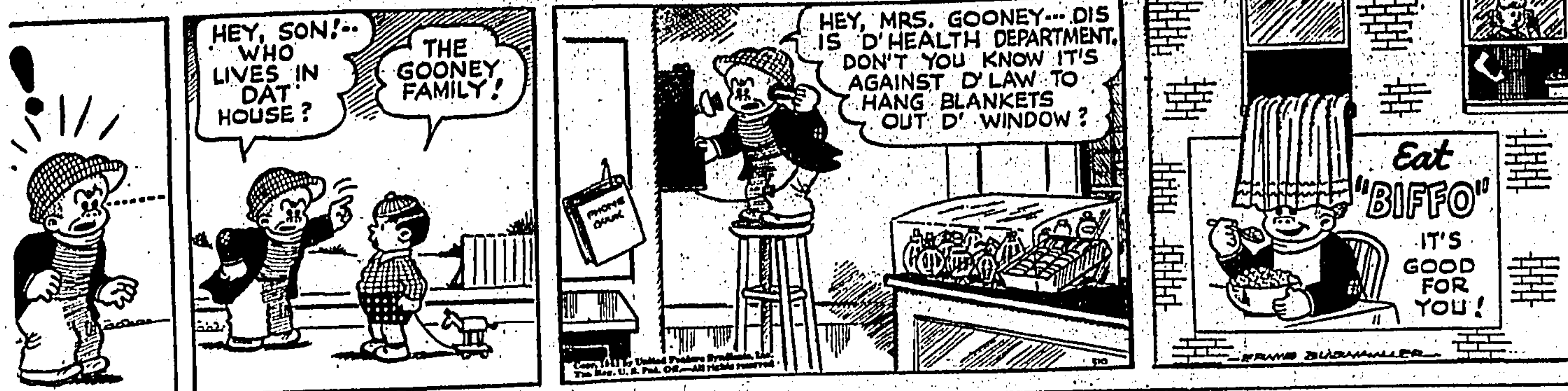
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## Woman Breaks Up Dope Ring In Melbourne's Underworld

Night after night for weeks a policewoman, in the guise of a street walker, has dared Melbourne's underworld in a successful effort to smash one of the city's biggest dope rings. She was helped by a young police recruit, who also posed as a drug addict and recently the Vice Squad swooped on houses at Carlton, North Melbourne and a city cafe.

Thirty charges relating to the sale and possession of cocaine have been laid against four women and a man arrested.

**Enormous Profits**  
Police action is also to be taken against a prisoner serving a sentence at Pentridge.

This was the third cocaine raid in six months, and the police claim to have now smashed a big ring of illicit drug suppliers.

Enormous profits, sometimes as much as £60 an ounce, are made, for cocaine is severely broken down with chemical powders and sold in a diluted form.

The main trouble the police have in stopping the dope racket is to get direct evidence inside the distributing centres.

That was the important role the policewoman and recruit played, by posing as addicts and buying packets of the drug.

**Met Coke Sellers**  
Appropriately dressed as a street-walker, the policewoman was not recognised, because she was new to the service, and was able to wheedle herself into the confidence of people who would introduce her to "coke" sellers.

The police recruit worked independently on the same tactics, and gradually the police built up their evidence.

Then Detective-Sergeant Jackson mustered his Vice Squad for the raids.

With detention and search warrants, the raiding teams, comprising 11 constables, went simultaneously to houses in Queensberry Street, Carlton, and Chapel Street, North Melbourne, and to a shop in Lonsdale-street, city.

It is alleged that they found a large quantity of cocaine made up in packets ready for sale.

The four women and a man arrested appeared at the City Court the next day, and were remanded.

## Man Said Beaten To Death For Small Bill

An unknown Chinese male is alleged to have been beaten to death by a number of tea-house employees at 7 Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, on Friday night. The man was assaulted when he failed to pay his bill after a meal, it is stated.

As a sequel, four employees of the tea-house were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's Court on Saturday, with manslaughter.

Accused are Chan Tak, 29, Cheng Chan-leung, 29, Chan Ming-lap, 21, and Chung Yu-shing, 20. They were remanded for three days in Police custody for further inquiries.

Det. Inspector A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

## Acknowledgments

A total of \$1,757,338.62 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:  
Yusang Shrapnel Box (second donation) \$50.25  
A. B. J. Fountain (in memory of the late Mr. E. J. Alnall) 10  
H. E. C. Swindle 3  
The China Defence League is glad to announce a net profit of \$3,217 on the film "Pastor Hall," on April 2.

## What Is Chastity In A Husband, Court Asks

Under a separation deed made 15 years ago, Captain Frederick C. Booth, V.C., was to receive £500 a year from his wife so long as he led a chaste life.

This was disclosed in the Chancery Division recently in an action brought by creditors concerning the estate of Mrs. Dolores Booth, who died in July, 1938.

Mr. A. J. Bolsham (for the husband) said one question which had to be determined was the meaning of chastity in a male. This was, he believed, the first time the question had been raised before the Court. The husband said he had complied with the condition.

**Annuitant Worth £6,547**  
The Court was asked to decide whether the annuity was payable from the date of the wife's death.

## "BOY MEETS GIRL"

### Neat Production

"Boy Meets Girl" is a deliciously flavoured three-act comedy which is given conscientious treatment by a well selected amateur cast at the Kowloon Cricket Club. A substantial audience gave the opening performance on Saturday an encouraging and well deserved reception.

The dialogue is brisk and at times neatly subtle while the situations are cleverly imagined and quite often hilarious.

Principal parts are taken by Harry Cockle, Bob Leigh, Nan Moodie, Gerry Davies, Willie Robertson and Jim Moodie, and each gives highly creditable performances.

Cockle and Leigh as Imaginative Hollywood script writers enjoy the cream of the dialogue and both give convincing and sustained studies.

**Charm And Discernment**  
Nan Moodie plays "Susie," the parlourmaid who has a baby by a bigamist who subsequently died, with great charm and discernment. A pleasing and wholly effective portrayal.

Willie Robertson has a hand-made part as "Mr. Friday (C.F.)," the film executive and his performance is sound and businesslike.

Jim Moodie is a very acceptable Larry Toms, a film star, whose glory wanes as the play progresses, and David Kossick enjoys himself, and entertains the audience with his characterisation of Rosetti, publicity manager for Larry Toms.

Gerry Davies plays "Rodney Pevan" with sincerity and understanding, and his romance scenes with Nan Moodie are delightfully and sympathetically handled.

Ernest Perry sings two songs with vim and he and Spud Spary, as song writers vainly endeavouring to secure an audition with the film executive, make some effective and diverting entries.

Smaller, but necessary parts are confidently and smartly handled by Gerlie Goddard, Aletha Hirst, Phyllis Colledge, John Gilchrist, Victor Mamak, Bill Colledge and Walter Western.

Cecil Houghton's producing reveals the touch of an expert and much of the success of the play is due to his work. The settings are excellent, and generally speaking it is a show that should not be missed.

The proceeds are to be divided between the Bomber Fund and the B.W.O.F., and further performances will be given to-night and again next Saturday.—S.A.G.

## Hankow Shooting

Hankow, Apr. 11.  
M. A. Pica, 61, a prominent French businessman here, was shot at 2 p.m. by a lone gunman who escaped despite quick action by the French Police. M. Pica's condition is not serious.—United Press.



STILL THERE—Picture above spikes reports that Britain's princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, have left England to escape bombing raids. Picture taken about a month ago shows them with their parents, King George, right, and Queen Elizabeth, as they inspected the R.A.F. Coastal Command.

## German Wife Fined 1/-

### "Punished Enough"

A German-born woman was fined 1s. at Leeds Assizes recently for breaking the black-out.

Mr Justice Tucker, imposing the fine, said he thought she had been punished too much, as she had been in prison three months awaiting trial.

The woman, Mrs. Frances Holland, of Grosvenor-place, Leeds, was said to have shown a light from her house during the black-out. She was facing her second trial for the same offence.

### Jury Disagreed

Earlier in the Assize, before Mr Justice Cassels, the jury disagreed.

It was stated that her husband, whom she married while he was in the Army of Occupation in Germany, was now serving again as a sergeant-major. One of her sons was also in the Forces.

The prosecution said there was no suggestion that Mrs Holland was attempting to help the enemy.

The jury must not be influenced by the knowledge that she was born in German territory.

### Very Foolish

Mrs Holland, after being committed for trial, had been in custody until released on bail after the first jury disagreed.

Mr Justice Tucker told her, "You have been punished quite enough for this offence by having been in prison three months—in fact, I think, too much."

"But you have been very foolish and you have only yourself to thank for that. I shall fine you one shilling and when you have paid that you can go."

## Bomber Over Atlantic

### Ferry Pilot's Record

Breakfast in America, a record Atlantic flight, and Captain Pat Eves—lent by British Airways to the Ministry of Aircraft Production for the trans-ocean ferry service—was able to have ten in Britain.

He flew a new American bomber, destined for the R.A.F., and the performance is no freak, for some time ago the Atlantic record fell to Captain Allan Andrew, another British Airways pilot.

### New Time A Secret

The known record for the Atlantic crossing is 10hrs. 33mins., set up by the flying-boat *Cambria* in September, 1937, from Botwood (Newfoundland) to Foyahs (Elizre). The new figure and the points of Captain Eves' departure and arrival were kept secret.

## Adventure Seeker Called Spy, Sentenced To Death

William Olaf de Wet, 28-year-old Briton, has been sentenced to death by a German People's Court in Berlin to death for spying in France, it was announced recently. The sentence, it was added, had not yet been carried out.

Writing in the "Daily Express," O. D. Gallagher, the noted war correspondent, who came to China at the start of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, has this to say about de Wet:

If elegant, care-free de Wet, is a spy, then I am a Japanese. I knew de Wet well. He was one of a small group of adventure-seekers whom I came across in one war city after another—Addis Ababa, Barcelona, Shanghai, Madrid.

In Addis Ababa in 1935 he appointed me his second for a duel. It happened in this way.

About fifty whites and moneyed Abyssinians were lined up on high stools at the bar of Mon Cize, a bar-cum-cinema run by a Greek.

A captain of the Belgian Military Mission attached to the Emperor of Abyssinia sat on one of the stools beside a liquid-eyed, honey-coloured girl.

### Ordered Off

When the Belgian left this stool I took it and began talking to the girl.

The Belgian returned—and peremptorily ordered de Wet to buzz off.

"I beg your pardon," said de Wet, looking down his aristocratic nose and over his bristling cavalryman's moustache. "Who are you?"

In anger the Belgian slapped de Wet's face with his leather glove and shouted: "That is who I am."

De Wet clicked his heels, bowed slightly, and said: "You will hear from me, M. le capitaine."

He came to me and said: "I will have a duel with him to-morrow morning. Will you be my second?"

"All right," I replied, treating it as a joke. "You can't use a sword, can you? No. Well, is it going to be pistols?"

It was to be pistols, and I had job of finding a pair. Six a.m. was the time fixed, and when Mon Cize closed at four a.m. I met a countryman of mine—a South African—who said: "You'd never guess, but the Belgian's appointed me his second."

We decided that if the duel took place the Belgian would kill de Wet. So we planned for them to fight with their fists—it they still feel like fighting at all at six a.m.

### Shipped Home

The Belgian turned up—and at 10 a.m. we heard that de Wet was in custody at the British Consulate.

A couple of days later we heard that he had been shipped home as a "D.B.S." (destitute British seaman).

The next war city that attracted him was Barcelona and, in 1939, he turned up in Prague.

He threw staggering parties and, it is said, married a White Russian countess.

## Nazi Plot Against U.S. Charged

A vast Nazi-dominated party aimed at damaging the United States is reported as operating from the Canadian border to the tip of South America, according to a report from Mexico City.

Anti-Nazi Germans and a group of self-styled patriotic young Mexicans were the sources of the report.

According to their version, the party's history is this:

Four years ago a Mexican party of Nazi leanings was organised as a unit of a continental association. There are other units in the United States and other countries of the continent.

### Chief Purpose

Its chief purpose was to immobilise, or weaken, the United States by stirring up hatred for the Washington Government; creation of political, diplomatic and economic problems in the Latin countries, and to provoke discord, strikes and other labour troubles in key industries in the United States.

The party, the informants said, is composed of men only, and for each member there is a rifle, military training and education in espionage and sabotage activity.

### Simultaneous Attacks

"They said the party, in co-operation with Russians, Communists, Spanish Falangists and Radicals generally, might attempt simultaneous attacks on United States diplomats in several Latin countries to create 'diplomatic incidents' and to attempt to wreck the 'good-neighbour policy'."

It is said, married a White Russian countess. He was still in Prague when the Nazis took it. Now he awaits the headman's axe.

For spying? No, not de Wet. He and spies have only one thing in common—courage. He was too fond of personal publicity, in a not unpleasant way, to be a spy.

He was an insatiable romanticist.

## Lay Reader Buys Church At Auction

A LAY reader in a Sussex church went to an auction sale recently and bought a church in another parish for £1,275. It is the church of St Richard de Wych at Coleman's Hatch, deep in Ashdown Forest, 400 yards from the nearest road.

It cost between £20,000 and £25,000 to build and equip about 50 years ago, but was never dedicated and never had any parishioners.

Although the purchaser remains anonymous, he is known as a well-known figure in the Brighton district, the chairman of a rural council, and a big property owner.

### His Promise

"This is not a business deal," he said to a reporter.

"I don't propose to touch the building for the time being. When better times come it may be taken down and reconstructed in another district, where it may be needed."

"One thing I can promise—the building, and all that is in it, will never be used except as a place of worship."

### Once A Month

The church was built by Mr T. C. Thompson, a former local Lord of the Manor, and his wife.

It eventually passed to the Chichester Diocesan authorities, who gave orders for its disposal.

Once a month the Vicar of Coleman's Hatch held a service there, but only a few used to attend.

## POLICEMAN'S WIFE SAYS HE TRIED TO HANDCUFF HER

A wife who alleged that her policeman husband tried to handcuff her was recently granted a decree nisi on the ground of cruelty.

Granting the decree to Mrs Florence Ida Bakewell, of Beresford Street, Coalville (Leicestershire), Mr Justice Bucknill said the husband, Mr Donald Bakewell, of Lutterworth Road, Burbage, was "hard overbearing, callous in a way which was unjustifiable, and caused his wife much mental pain."

The wife was given costs and custody of the one child.

Mrs Bakewell was 19 and her husband 23 when they married in 1925.

### Denied By Husband

Soon after, according to Mrs Bakewell, when she returned from a visit to her parents, Mr Bakewell locked her in her bedroom, tried to handcuff her and make her sign a paper that she would not see her parents again.

She refused.

The whole story was denied by the husband.

"I am satisfied that Mr Bakewell struck his wife," said the Judge, "although the actual blows were not serious. I attach more importance to his refusal to speak to his wife, and his callous and hard behaviour."

## Oppenheim's Greatest Adventure

Over a late breakfast in a Bournemouth hotel recently I listened to the latest Oppenheim "thriller," writes Clifford Webb in the "Daily Herald."

It was Mr E. Phillips Oppenheim's own story of his and Mrs Oppenheim's war-time journey from the South of France, where they lived for many years.

Mr Oppenheim, short, plump and extremely alert, is 73, his wife 74. It took them just seven days to make what they proudly claim to be almost a record-breaking trip in existing conditions.

"We were lucky," the famous writer of thrillers told me. "I managed to raise sufficient money for this journey. We bought first-class tickets, but were forced to travel in wretched dirty old hulks of railway coaches, which had been out of commission for years."

### Ate What They Could

"We ate what we could get whenever the train stopped—and that wasn't much. Twice we were turned out of the train at 2 o'clock in the morning to await connections. And well, here we are."

Mr Oppenheim talked of life in unoccupied France since the Armistice. "I had a beautiful villa and a small estate on the Riviera," he said, "where my wife and I expected to end our days."

"Soon after the Armistice German agents arrived and commandeered all milk, butter, eggs, poultry and cattle."

### Recovering

"I think we would have starved had it not been for my vegetable garden, which fortunately, they did not strip. For days we had no meat of any sort."

"Eventually we went to stay at an hotel in Cannes. The food situation there was slightly better, but the rationing was very severe."

"There are definite signs that the French people are recovering from the shock of their country's collapse, but they are still in a state of great depression."

"I feel that soon there is bound to be a revulsion of feeling against the Germans by the French people."



MUST WAIT—Oscar Weller, "Man from Mars" of radio and screen, waiting for his divorce from his wife, Mrs. Weller, who is a divorcee from Cedric Gibbons. It is said they are shown in New York.



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## Binoculars Loaned For Duration

More than 40,000 binoculars have now been handed over to the Ministry of Supply in response to the campaign sponsored by Lord Derby.

"This total fully justifies the campaign, but it does not end there," a Ministry of Supply official said. "Although hundreds of binoculars are still coming in every day, the 4,000 opticians who are acting as receiving agents could handle many more."

It is pointed out that suitable binoculars are now being accepted on loan "for the duration," provided they are inscribed with owners' names and addresses. They are then registered by the Ministry and, though this naturally cannot be guaranteed, every effort will be made to see that they are returned after the war.

This course has been adopted since it is known that there are some people who while anxious to put their binoculars "on active service," hope for sentimental reasons to have them returned.

Some of the glasses received on loan have already seen active service throughout the last war, and a few through the Boer War.

## Matsuoka Pockets Pact

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object of military action by a third Power or Powers. It would, therefore, theoretically tie the hands of Japan in the event of Russia being attacked by her Axis partners and similarly would ensure Russia's neutrality if Japan were attacked from any quarter; but apparently there is no provision as to their mutual attitude if either takes the initiative in "military action."

### Significant Omission

This omission which cannot be due to oversight is very significant as it leaves the door open to sundry contingencies.

On the whole, therefore the new treaty cannot be said to modify the situation very materially. Recognition of the mutual situation in Manchukuo and Outer Mongolia really "consecrates" the de facto situation already in being.

The question of Russia's aid to Chungking is conspicuously absent from the published reports of the negotiations.

## Tobruk Siege

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claimed that its forces have taken any prisoners in "surrounding Tobruk and occupying Bardia."

This factor is the determining quality of success in desert warfare. How big a British garrison was left in Tobruk is General Wavell's secret.

No commander could face with equanimity the prospect of investing this fortified town in the heat of the on-coming Libyan summer. There is no water for miles around and sand radiates heat which must be experienced to be believed.

The garrison, on the other hand, is well supplied with water, has the shelter of cuttings made by the Italians in the rock formation and can always be relieved or reinforced by sea, of which Britain has command.

If the Axis troops ignore Tobruk and proceed against Egypt, its communications will be threatened.

General Wavell's plans as a whole have not revealed themselves, but after Lord Moyne's remarks in the House of Lords on Thursday, it can be assumed with some confidence that the holding of Tobruk enters into them.

## LATE NEWS



AT 10 DOWNING STREET—Harry L. Hopkins, left, President Roosevelt's personal representative to Britain, shown taking leave of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, after a visit to No. 10 Downing Street, London.

## Captive Officer Engaged

The engagement was announced recently of an officer of the Seaforth Highlanders who is a prisoner of war.

He is Capt Patrick Munro, of Foulis, Ross-shire, grandson of the late Sir Hector Munro, of Foulis, the 11th baronet. He has become engaged to Gillian, daughter of Col. and Mrs Philip Mitford, Berryfield, Inverness-shire.

"Capt Munro and I have known each other a very long time, and it was agreed that we should announce our engagement about now," said Miss Mitford.

## Error To Capture Italian Generals

Says W. R. Hearst

Mr William Randolph Hearst, the American newspaper proprietor, commenting on the British victories in Libya and the capture of many Italian generals, wrote in the "New York American" recently that it was "a great mistake to take these generals out of the war, for they are all busily engaged in losing battles and surrendering armies."

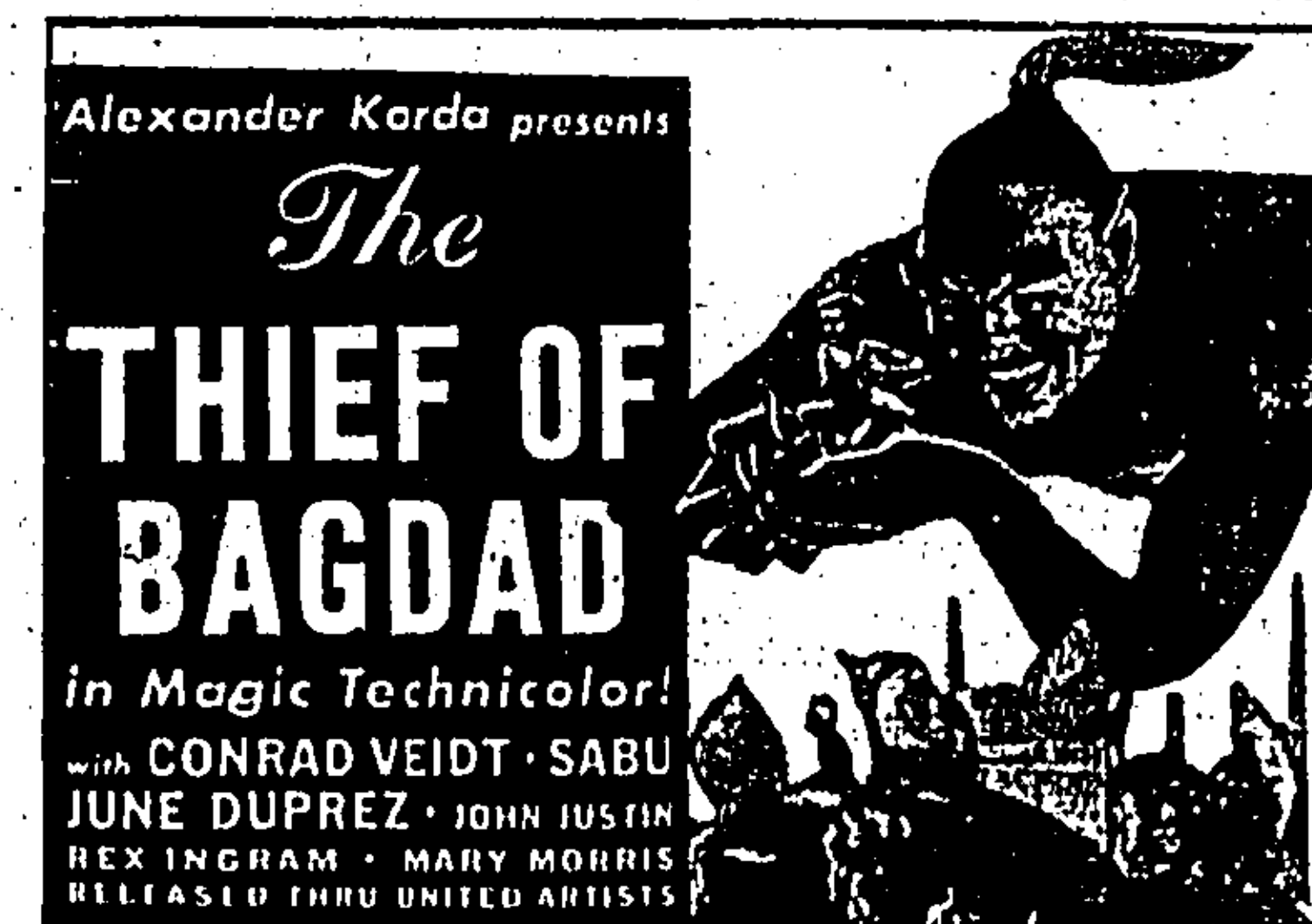
If the capture of generals were kept up, Mr Hearst added, the younger Italian officers "may come into command and actually do something with the Italian forces."

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